

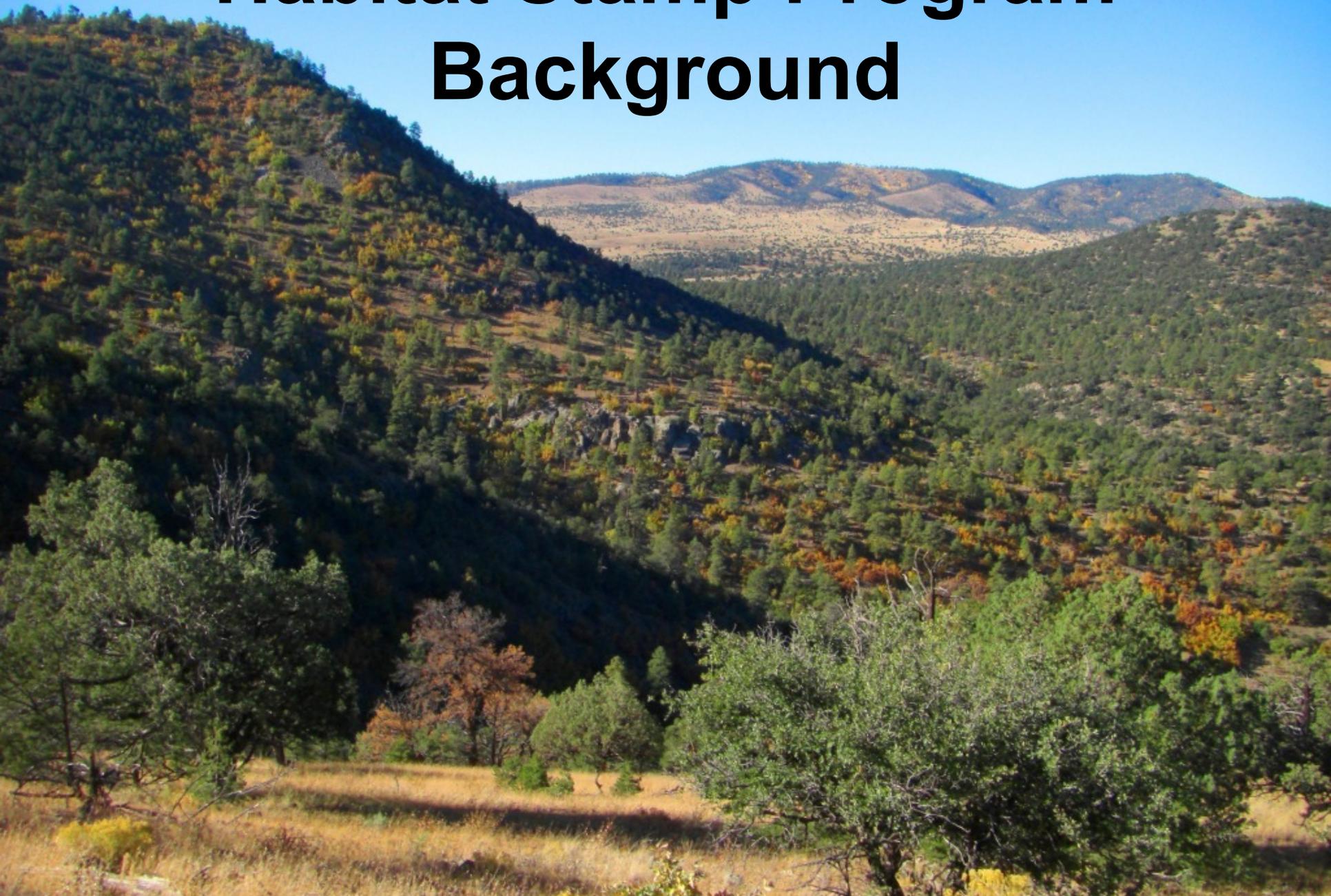
# Public Land User Stamp Rule Development 19.34.6 NMAC

August 13, 2020

New Mexico State  
Game Commission  
Meeting



# Habitat Stamp Program Background



# HSP Project Types

- Prescribed Fire
- Forest Thinning
- Aquatic and Riparian Restoration
- Grassland Restoration
- Maintenance and installation of wildlife water structures



# Project Coordination

- Proposals are developed by United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) biologists in close coordination with NMDGF staff.
- Projects must be implemented during the NMDGF fiscal year that the funds are awarded.



# Rule Development Timeline

- **August, October & January** – present at SGC meetings
- **August** – Initial NMDGF ideas posted on the website
- **August & September**– Public meetings held virtually
- **Early October** - Final NMDGF proposed rule posted on the website
- **January**– Act on rule





# Habitat Stamp Program Extension

- **19.34.6.4 Duration**
- **Extend Program  
to March 31, 2031**

**Valle Vidal Wetland  
Restoration -- 2019**



# Proposed Changes to Management Plan Language

- **19.34.6.11  
Expenditure of  
Funds Collected**
- **Change language  
related to project  
plans to address  
current-day reality  
of 5-year inter-  
agency planning  
and coordination.**

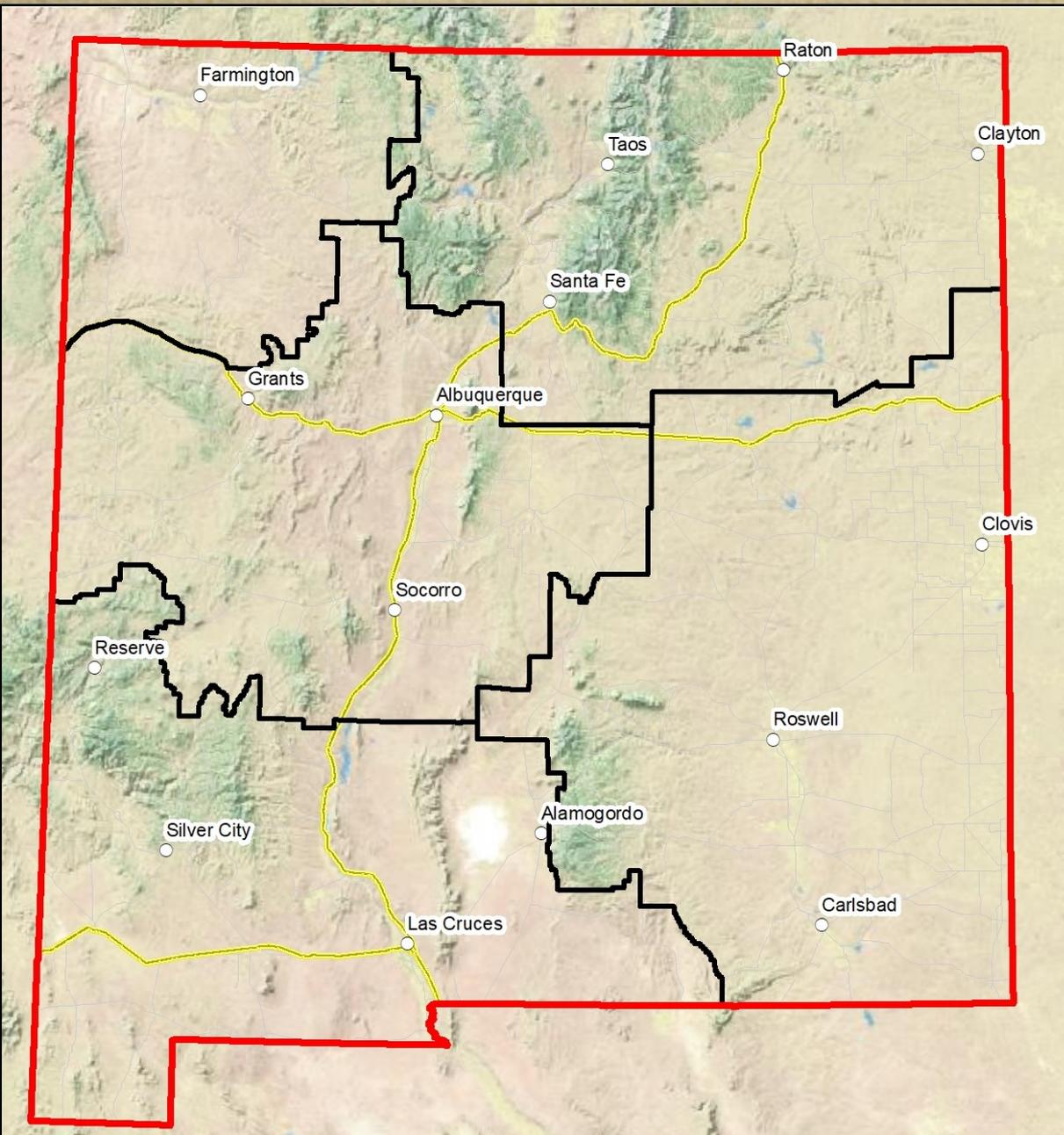


# Proposed Changes to HSP Regions

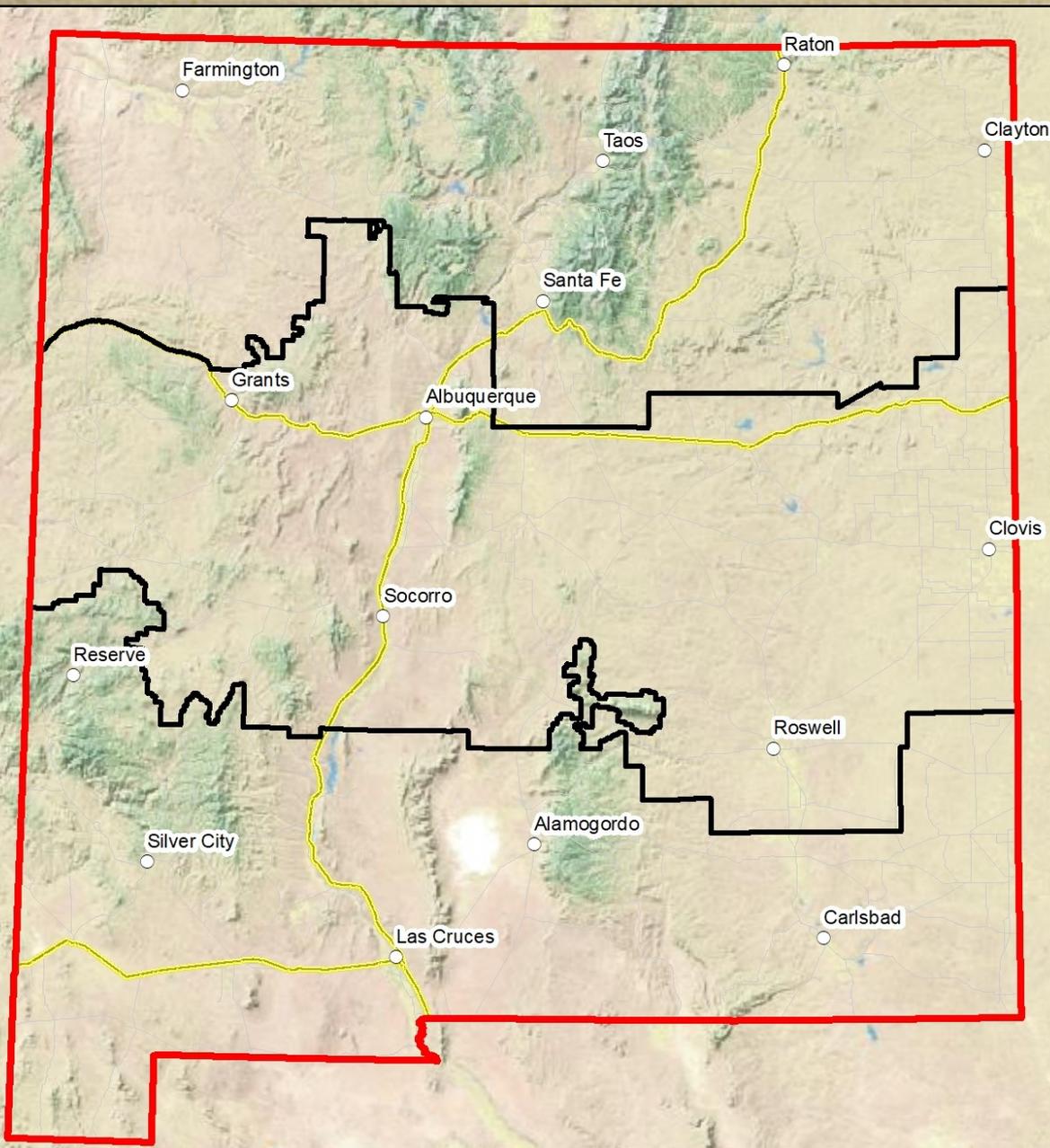
- **Realign regional HSP boundaries**
- **Create 3 HSP Regions and 3 Citizen Advisory Committees**

# Current HSP Regions

- State is divided into five regions
- Each region has its own budget and Citizen Advisory Committee



# Proposed HSP Regions



- Reduce from five regions to three regions
- Each USFS and BLM District still retains same base funding
- Larger pool of competitive funds available to each region

# Current HSP Funding Structure

Region	Base Funding	% Public Acres	Regional Allocation	Total Funding
Central	\$75,000	18.09%	\$67,851	<u>\$142,851</u>
Northeast	\$75,000	15.75%	\$59,075	<u>\$134,075</u>
Northwest	\$75,000	5.74%	\$21,534	<u>\$96,534</u>
Southeast	\$75,000	21.37%	\$80,128	<u>\$155,128</u>
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# Proposed HSP Funding Structure

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# QUESTIONS



# Proposed Changes to Current Rule – 19.34.6 NMAC

- **Extend 19.34.6 NMAC for another 10 years**
  - **New Expiration date of March 31, 2031.**
- **Update language related to Regional Five-Year Project Plans to reflect current-day landscape-scale coordination between the USFS, BLM, and NMDGF.**
- **Realign regional boundaries and number of Citizen Advisory Committees.**



# Common Themes

- **Extend 19.34.6 NMAC for another ten years.**
- **The Habitat Stamp Program fosters interagency coordination, public involvement, and long-term habitat restoration.**
- **Areas for HSP improvement include an increase in the % of allocated funds spent each year, and an enhancement in the quality of projects presented to the Citizen Advisory Committees for HSP funding.**



# Management Plans (*Current Rule*)

- **19.34.6.11 Expenditure of Funds Collected**
  - **A.** The expenditure of funds collected under this regulation shall be consistent with the land management plans that have been developed by the United States forest service the United States bureau of land management, and the plans of the New Mexico department of game and fish.
  - **B.** The department of game and fish shall, in cooperation with the United States forest service and the United States bureau of land management, develop a series of regional five-year project plans for the use of the funds collected under the authority of Sikes Act and this regulation.



# Management Plans (*Proposed Rule*)

- **19.34.6.11 Expenditure of Funds Collected**
  - **Combine sections A and B to reflect the fact that current US Forest Service and BLM five-year restoration management plans are developed in close coordination with NMDGF.**
  - **These landscape level plans guide the prioritization and development of restoration projects utilizing HSP and other Department funds, in addition to other partner agency and NGO funds.**



# HSP Rule vs Procedure Manual

- **Rule**
  - Duration
  - Project Coordination
  - Number of CAC's
- **Procedure Manual**
  - Everything Else
  - Can be revised at any time
  - Requires input and review from BLM and USFS



# Annual HSP Funding Structure



Santa Fe National Forest --  
Stream and Riparian Restoration

# HSP Funding

## “Base Guarantee”

- Base Guarantee Funds
- 50% of the HSP annual budget is allocated as base guarantee funds, which is divided equally to the five HSP regions (10% to each region). Within each region, the base funds are then divided among the participating agencies based upon the % of acres managed within their specific region.
- This amount represents the minimum amount of funding that each agency should receive in any one funding cycle. Base guarantee funds may be used to maintain existing HSP projects and fund agency priority projects.



# HSP Funding

## “Competitive Allocation”

- Land Mass Funds
- The other 50% of the HSP annual budget allocation is set aside as a land mass allocation for each HSP region. This allocates funds to each HSP region based upon the total acres managed by the participating agencies divided by the total agency acres managed within the state.
- Land mass funds may be distributed on a competitive project by project basis as prioritized by the CACs.



# Formula Applied to 3 Regions

	Base Guarantee (5 region)	Base Guarantee (3 region)
Rio Puerco BLM	\$18,325.55	\$21,470.39
Socorro BLM	\$27,236.07	\$31,910.04
Cibola National Forest	\$29,438.38	\$34,490.29
Kiowa National Grasslands	\$2,703.86	\$2,758.05
Roswell BLM	\$24,841.99	\$34,371.23
Taos BLM	\$11,730.60	\$14,716.86
Carson National Forest	\$27,969.86	\$35,090.17
Santa Fe National Forest	\$32,595.69	\$40,893.60
Farmington BLM	\$66,249.98	\$30,297.77
Jicarilla Ranger District - Carson National Forest	\$8,750.02	\$4,001.60
Lincoln National Forest	\$19,490.34	\$13,014.42
Las Cruces BLM	\$46,730.92	\$57,016.48
Coronado National Forest	\$575.83	\$702.57
Gila National Forest	\$27,693.26	\$33,788.59
Carlsbad BLM	\$30,667.67	\$20,477.94



# 3 and 5 Region Funding Comparison

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# BLM & USFS Funding (3 and 5 region with formula applied)

## ■ 3 Region

BLM      \$210,260.70

USFS     \$164,036.73

## ■ 5 Region (Current)

BLM      \$225,782.77

USFS     \$148,641.41



# CAC Opinions



# FAQ type slides



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