

## COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

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**Meeting Date:** June 13, 2025

**Agenda Number:** 13

**Presenter:** Paul Varela

**Corroborator:** Joseph Miano

**Agenda Title:** Approval of Fiscal Year 2027-2031 Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan

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### 1. Summary of Agenda Item

The Department is seeking Commission approval of the Capital Project Plan. This agenda item is being brought forward as the Department must update its 5-year capital plan and submit a 2027-2031 capital request by July 1, 2025 to the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department will need to incorporate any modifications or additions by the Commission on the appropriate forms prior to the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

### 2. Background Information

The Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) is required to be updated annually and submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration.

### 3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item

Objective 2 of the Administration Program portion of the Strategic Plan is to “Maintain financial and procurement accountability and integrity.” This request is consistent with that strategy and objective and is also required by state statute and rule.

### 4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes

None

### 5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results

This presentation will provide an opportunity for the public to provide input to the Commission related to the fiscal year 2027 capital budget request. Any public comments received by the Department will be summarized to the Commission during the presentation.

### 6. Suggested Motion

The Department respectfully suggests the following motion unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:

“Move to approve the FY27-FY31 Capital Plan as presented by the Department.”

**NM DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH**  
**FY2026 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN**  
*(Dollars in Thousands)*

Priority Rank	Project Name	Descriptions/Notes	Total Request Amount	BIRF	GPF	BGE	HMF	Sikes	OHV	When do we spend?
FY27 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape scale wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 7,000.0			\$ 2,500.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,500.0		FY27-31
FY27 - 2	Off-highway vehicle recreational development and improvement projects	To develop and improve off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities throughout the State, including in counties, cities, and public lands to prevent and mitigate unsustainable user-created trails, designate and sign legal routes, develop OHV safety training sites, and develop and improve trailheads. Conservation actions include maintenance, development, and operation of designated OHV recreation areas, trail designation, mapping, and rerouting.	\$ 500.0						\$ 500.0	FY27-31
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	

FY28 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape scale wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 2,500.0					\$ 2,500.0		FY28-32
FY28 - 2	Hatcheries Improvements	Update and improve infrastructure at six hatcheries including visitors centers and raceway covers.	\$ 2,500.0	\$ 500.0	\$ 2,000.0					FY28-32
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

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FY29 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape scale wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 6,500.0			\$ 2,500.0	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,000.0		FY29-33
FY29 - 2	Off-highway vehicle recreational development and improvement projects	To develop and improve off-highway vehicle recreational opportunities throughout the State, including in counties, cities, and public lands to prevent and mitigate unsustainable user-created trails, designate and sign legal routes, develop OHV safety training sites, and develop and improve trailheads. Conservation actions include maintenance, development, and operation of designated OHV recreation areas, trail designation, mapping, and rerouting.	\$ 500.0						\$ 500.0	FY29-33
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	
FY30 - 1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape scale wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 2,000.0					\$ 2,000.0		FY30-34
FY30 - 2	Hatcheries Improvements	Update and improve infrastructure at six hatcheries including visitors centers and raceway covers.	\$ 500.0	\$ 500.0						FY30-34
		<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 500.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

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FY31-1	Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Management Projects	To complete necessary landscape scale wildlife habitat restoration throughout the State, including riparian, wetland, forest, and rangeland enhancement to prevent catastrophic wildfires, improve watershed health, and enhance wildlife habitat. To include maintenance, development, and operation of State Game Commission owned properties. Conservation actions including habitat manipulations, acquisition, and conservation easements to improve riparian and instream aquatic species status.	\$ 4,500.0			\$ 2,500.0	\$ -	\$ 2,000.0		FY31-35
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$ 4,500.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,500.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Totals:</b>			<b>\$ 26,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.0</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 11,000.0</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.0</b>	

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