



## OPEN GATE PROGRAM INFORMATION

### ACCESS FOR HUNTERS, ANGLERS, AND TRAPPERS

#### What is the Open Gate Program?

- A statewide program operated by New Mexico Department of Game and Fish that leases private land for public hunting, angling, trapping, and right-of-way access opportunities.
- Through Open Gate, participating landowners provide legal access to sportsmen and sportswomen, while the state provides monetary incentives, liability protection, and increased patrolling efforts by law enforcement.



#### What are the benefits to sportsmen and sportswomen?

- Provides hunting, fishing, and/or trapping opportunities on private lands enrolled in the program.
- Improves access to landlocked public lands.
- Increases access opportunities at no additional cost to sportsmen and women.
- Private land access without written permission.

#### Important information to know:

- Access opportunities are available to properly licensed sportspersons only.
- Property rules and regulations are posted at each property and are available online.
- The draw hunt system still applies to Open Gate properties that allow big game hunting.
- Open Gate property boundaries are available on *OnX Hunt*; however, road and gate access information may be incorrect. Follow the mapped routes and information on the Open Gate website or contact the Open Gate Program Coordinator if assistance is needed.
- Target practice, camping and other prohibited activities posted onsite are not permitted.
- Please Be Respectful and Courteous – landowner participation is voluntary.

#### Where can I find more info?

- Find Open Gate property details, location information, an interactive map, and information on how to rate Open Gate properties at NM Department of Game & Fish's Open Gate Program website.
- Contact the NMDGF Information Center at 1-888-248-6866 or the Open Gate Program Coordinator at [Open.Gate@dgf.nm.gov](mailto:Open.Gate@dgf.nm.gov).



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