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Dear Estancia Valley Sandhill Crane Hunter:

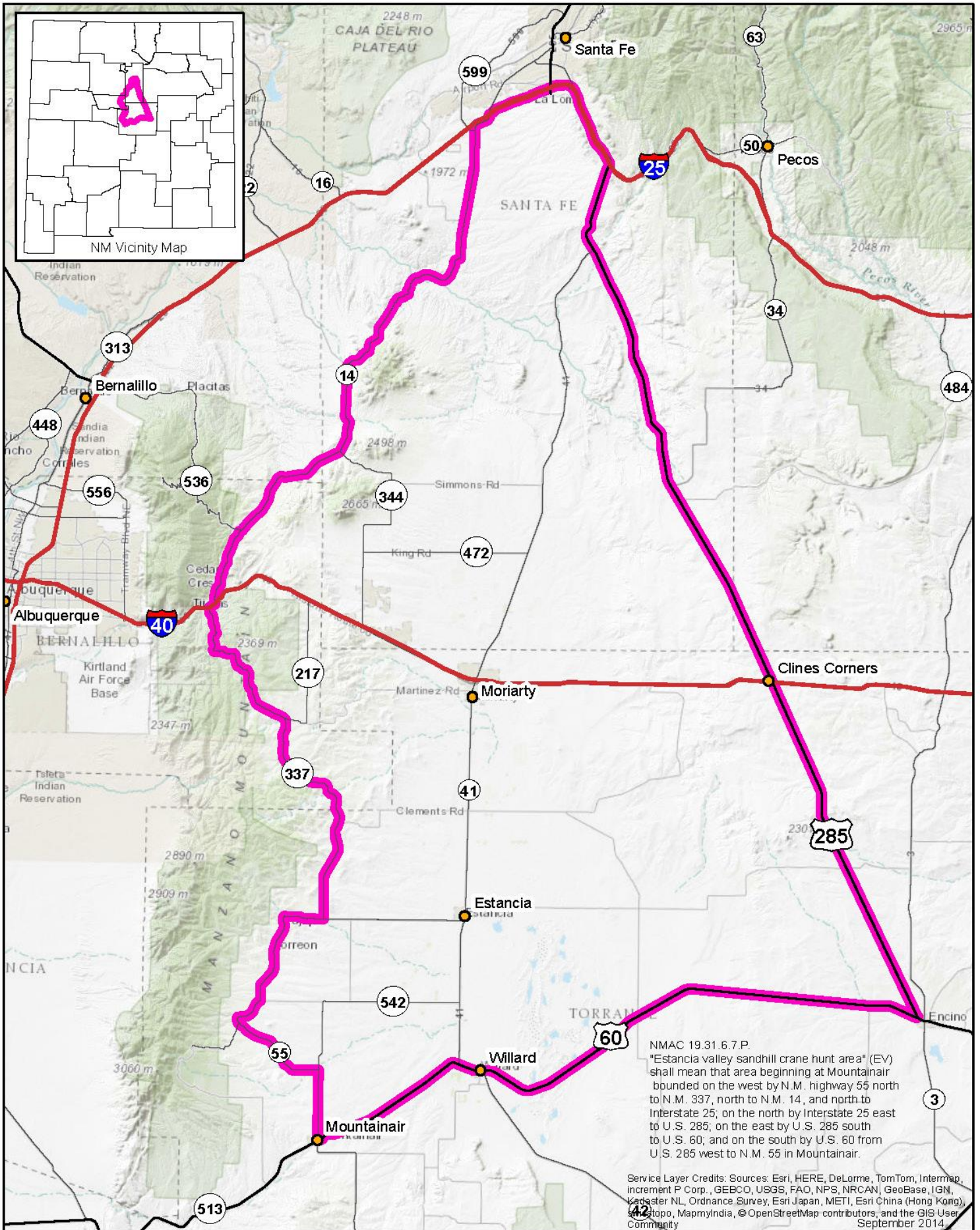
Congratulations, your application was selected for a permit to hunt sandhill cranes during the 2020 Estancia Valley (EV) New Mexico special season, SCR-0-101. Your hunt is scheduled for October 24–27 and October 29–November 1, 2020. There is no hunt on October 28. The EV sandhill crane hunt area is depicted on the map accompanying this letter. The daily bag limit is three (3) cranes with six (6) in possession. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset and only non-toxic shot may be used and in your possession.

There will not be a check station for this hunt. All hunters are required to fill out the harvest survey at the end of this letter. Successful hunters are additionally required to fill out a bill measurement card for each crane harvested. The bill measurement card accompanies this letter below. These items must be returned to the Department by November 6, 2020. The Department is required to monitor the number of greater sandhill cranes harvested to ensure we do not exceed a sustainable harvest. Please follow the instructions on the bill measurement card carefully so that the Department can verify the number of greater sandhill cranes that are harvested. It is critical that you submit your harvest surveys, as any crane or hunter without this corresponding information counts against our state's harvest allotment for greater sandhill cranes. Too many nonreporting hunters could cause crane hunts to close if it appears that New Mexico will exceed its harvest allotment. Do not report your harvest for this hunt through the Department's online small game harvest survey.

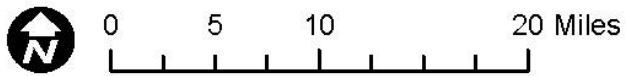
IMPORTANT—If you harvest cranes, you must return both your bill cards and harvest survey by November 6, 2020. If you did not hunt or did not harvest any cranes, you still must return your harvest survey by November 6, 2020.

A valid hunting license with a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number and a crane hunting permit issued for the correct date and hunt location are required to participate in this hunt. Hunters 17 years of age or younger must also possess their hunter education certification card.

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 **Estancia Valley Sandhill Crane Hunt Area**





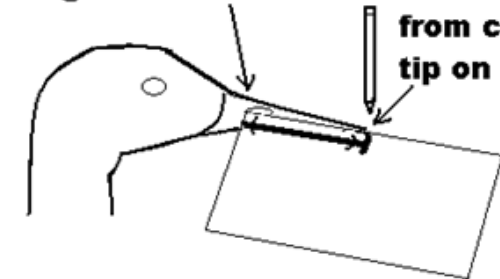
Sandhill Crane Bill Measurement Card

Please print this on card stock. Please do not bend card.

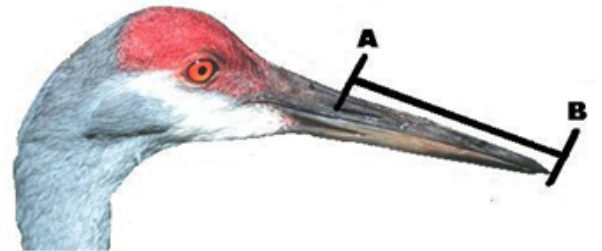
We need a straight-line measurement from the back of an undamaged nostril hole (A) to the tip of your crane's bill (B). Push any corner of this card against the back of an undamaged nostril hole (A) and draw a line on this card at the tip of the bill (B).

Place any corner of the card into an undamaged nostril

Mark distance from corner to bill tip on card



Keep card straight



1. Are there brown feathers on the back of the crane's head? Yes ____ No ____
2. What color is the eye? Brown ____ Yellow or Orange ____
3. Your sandhill crane permit number _____
4. Harvest date ____/____/____

Please return by mail:

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish—Sandhill Crane Surveys
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

Thank you!



2020 EV SANDHILL CRANE HUNT HARVEST SURVEY, SCR-0-101

Please complete whether or not you hunted

NAME: _____ PERMIT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

1. Did You Hunt? YES ____ NO ____ (If no, stop here. If yes, provide information below)

2. Please complete a separate entry for EACH DAY you hunted sandhill cranes.
LEAVE DAYS NOT HUNTED BLANK.

Hunt Date	How many <i>hours</i> did you hunt?	Number of cranes killed	Number of cranes <i>dropped</i> but NOT RETRIEVED	Total number of shots fired
Oct. 24				
Oct. 25				
Oct. 26				
Oct. 27				
Oct. 29				
Oct. 30				
Oct. 31				
Nov. 1				

3. In which county/counties did you bag your cranes? _____

4. Did you hunt primarily in a field? YES ____ NO ____
If YES, what type of crop was in the field? _____

5. Did you hunt primarily on a river or a wetland? YES ____ NO ____

Comments: _____

Please return within 5 days from the close of the hunt to: NM Dept. of Game & Fish –
Sandhill Crane Surveys, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or
DGF-Waterfowl@state.nm.us