

Wildlife Corridors Act Draft Action Plan



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Draft Wildlife Corridors Action Plan

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<https://wildlifeactionplan.nmdotprojects.org/>

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- Executive Summary - Process overview
- Chapter 1 - Introduction - Background of history of wildlife-vehicle collision mitigation in New Mexico
- Chapter 2 - Species of Concern
- Chapter 3 - Public outreach
- Chapter 4 - Hotspot Analysis
- Chapter 5 - Habitat Linkage Modeling and Corridors Selection
- Chapter 6 - Project Recommendations
- Chapter 7 - Outlook and Monitoring
- Appendices



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Top 5 Large Game Animal-Vehicle Collision Hotspots

1. US 550 North of Cuba
2. US 180 and NM 90 Silver City
3. US 70 and NM 48 Ruidoso
4. I-25 Glorieta Pass
5. US 70 Bent Sacramento Mountains

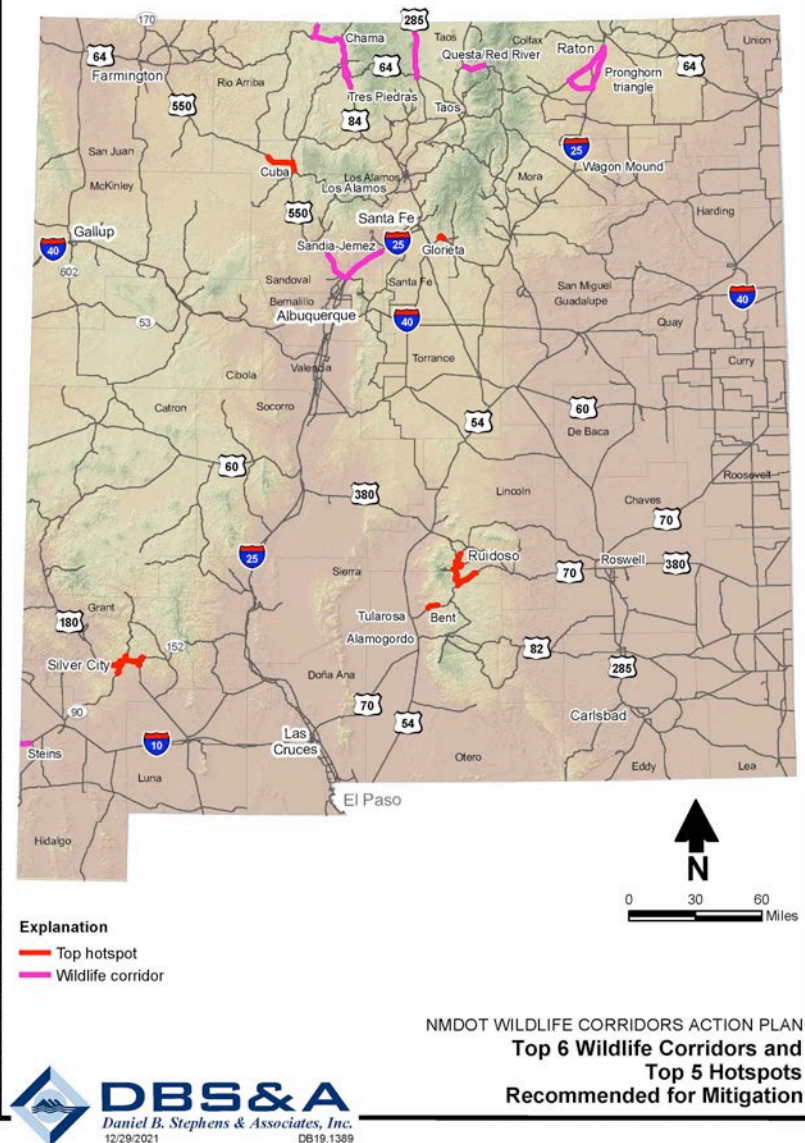
The 6 top-priority wildlife corridors

1. US 64/US 84 Chama from South of Tierra Amarilla to Chama to US 64/84 Junction to CO
2. US 285 Rio Grande Del Norte National Monument North of Tres Piedras
3. I-25, US 64, NM 505, and NM 445 South of Raton to Maxwell (Pronghorn Triangle)
4. I-10 Peloncillo Mountains-Steins
5. I-25 and US 550 Sandia-Jemez Mountains Bernalillo
6. NM 38 Questa to Red River



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Public Meetings/Comment

- Two virtual public meetings were held on 1 and 3 February to present the Plan
- The sixty (60) day comment period started on 12 January and ends 12 March
- Plan and details and how to submit comments at: <https://wildlifeactionplan.nmdotprojects.org/>
- Comments can be submitted by post, email, or phone
- Approximately 375 comments received as of 21 February and most comments support the Plan
- NMDOT and Department will compile comments and revise the Draft Plan
- \$2 million appropriation to DOT for wildlife crossings designs to get projects shovel ready



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Questions



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