

# **Open Gate 19.34.7 NMAC**

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# Open Gate Program: Current Status

- Focus – Small Game, Fishing and Access
- No dollar cap/landowner
- Attempting to gain voluntary survey Information from users
- No Sign-in system in place





# New Mexico Open Gate Program Concept

## Create 4 separate Open Gate participation agreements:

1. Public Land Access Agreement (obtain access through private to inaccessible public land)
  2. Private Land Big Game Hunting Agreement
  3. Private Land Small Game Hunting Agreement
  4. Private Land Fishing Agreement
- Can participate in one or more agreements but must qualify for each independently





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## Private Land Big Game Hunting Agreement:

- Includes:
  - Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn, Ibex, Barbary, Javelina, Oryx, Bear and Cougar

## Private Land Small Game Hunting Agreement:

- Includes:
  - Dove, Quail, Turkey, Pheasant, Sandhill Crane and Waterfowl

## Per acre payment systems for both types of agreements based on:

- Amount of public land access available in that GMU (need)
- Local game species availability







# OPEN GATE

## NMDGF Hunting & Fishing Access Program

Access payments based on various criteria including property's acreage, type of wildlife habitat, & hunting or fishing opportunities permitted.

### Small Game Hunting: Dove, Quail, Grouse, Pheasant, Sandhill Crane, and Waterfowl

Basic Habitat	Cropland	Wetland/Riparian
\$1.25/acre	\$2.50/acre	\$10.00/acre

Access must be provided to private land for hunting during open seasons and dates. Acreage of each habitat type determined by NMDGF evaluation.

### Big Game Hunting: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bighorn, Ibex, Barbary, Javelina, Oryx, Bear, and Cougar

Basic Habitat	Cropland	Riparian
\$2.20/acre	\$3.00/acre	\$6.00/acre

Access must be provided to private land for hunting during open seasons and dates. Acreage of each habitat type determined by NMDGF evaluation.

### Turkey Hunting

All seasons – Turkey Habitat
\$3.00/acre

Access must be provided to private land for hunting during open seasons and dates. Acreage of each habitat type determined by NMDGF evaluation. Basic habitat and cropland acreage considered.

### Warm & Cold Water Fishing

Pond surface acreage	Stream length
\$500.00/acre	\$3,200.00/mile

Access must be provided to private land for fishing during negotiated dates. Acreage/length of each habitat type determined by NMDGF evaluation.

### Improved Access to Public Land

Access Rate
Up to \$0.50/acre of public land to which access is improved
Right-of-way access must be provided to public lands where access is limited or precluded. Acreage considered for payment is based on the number of public land acres made more accessible from the right-of-way lease. The per acre rate is determined based on access quality and game availability as determined by NMDGF evaluation.

### Premium GMU's

GMU's 4, 5A, 8, 14, 39, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 54, 55A, 55B, 56, 57, 58, 59
Potential for up to fifty percent increase in the base payment
This potential increase is based on the limited amount of public land and access opportunities available in these GMU's.

### Exceptional Habitat or High Game Density

Available in any GMU
Potential for up to two times the base payment
This potential increase is based on the increased opportunity provided by properties with high game densities or exceptional habitat quality.

**\*There is the potential for a one time bonus to enrolled landowners making a referral for a contiguous landowner resulting in a new property enrollment**

**For more information call (505) 476-8043 or (888) 248-6866 or visit [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us).**

All rates are subject to change without notice. Participation in the Open Gate program is voluntary and enrollment is contingent on the annual availability of funds. Access Agreements (leases) are subject to consideration of access rights granted by the landowner and payment is contingent upon having granted access to licensed sportspersons during the designated hunting season in the year for which the payment is claimed.

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# ***Questions?***

