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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



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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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New Mexico Open Gate Program Concept

Private Land Big Game Hunting Agreement:

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

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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)

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Local game species availability





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 huntin	g during open seasons and dates. Acreage of ea	ch 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 hunti	and during open seasons and dates. Acreage of ea	ach habitat type determined by NMDGE evaluation

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Turkey Hunting

All seasons – Turkey Habitat	
\$3.00/acre	
Access must be provided to private land for hunting during open seasons and dates Basic habitat and cropland acreage considered.	Acreage of each habitat type determined by NMDGF evaluation.

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

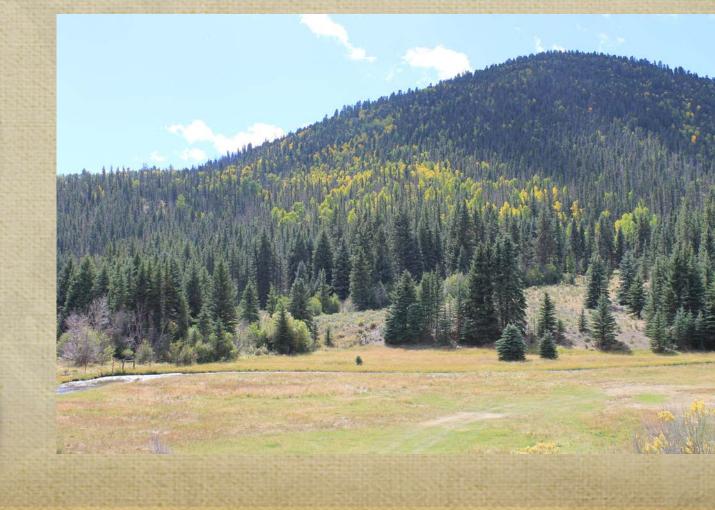
This potential increase is based on the increased opportunity provided by properties with high game densities or exceptional habitat quality.

*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. 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. 1/14/22



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