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Wildlife Corridors Action Plan Public Information Meetings

RATON – The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) in partnership with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) are sponsoring eight (8) public meetings around the state to provide information and obtain input on the development of the Wildlife Corridors Action Plan (Plan) in accordance with the Wildlife Corridors Act (Act).

Location*		Date	Time
Raton	NMDGF Office, 215 York Canyon Rd	Tuesday, February 25, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Albuquerque	NMDGF Office, 7816 Alamo Rd NW	Thursday, February 27, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Santa Fe	Santa Fe Higher Education Center, 1950 Siringo Rd	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Farmington	McGee Park, 41 County Rd 5568, Multi-Purpose Bldg,	Thursday, March 5, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
	located south of Sun Ray Park & Casino		
Las Cruces	NMDGF Office, 2715 Northside Dr.	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Community Center, 11990 Hwy 180 E.,	Wednesday, March 11, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
(Silver City)	Santa Clara		
Roswell	NMDGF Office, 1615 West College Blvd.	Thursday, March 12, 2020	6:30-8:00pm
Taos	Sagebrush Inn, 1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur	Wednesday, March 18, 2020	6:30-8:00pm

Purpose:

The Act, signed into law by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham in 2019, directs the NMDOT and the NMDGF to develop the Plan for NMDOT roads statewide. The Plan will identify wildlife-vehicle collision hotspots that pose a risk to the traveling public, identify wildlife corridors from ecological data, and provide a list of priority projects based on the results of the Plan's analysis. The Plan will build on past and ongoing efforts and is intended to raise support for and consensus in the identification of priority wildlife corridors and priority projects across New Mexico. Residents, landowners, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate in the meeting nearest you and provide comments and concerns.

ADA: To request ADA related accommodations for this meeting, contact Julie Kutz at (505) 822-9400 at least 48-hours prior to the meeting.

The public can submit questions or comments about the Plan during or after the meeting Attn: Wildlife Corridors Action Plan, 6020 Academy Road NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, NM 87109; by email to Wildlife.Corridors@state.nm.us. Comments will be accepted until April 18, 2020.