



OPEN GATE

NMDGF Hunting & Fishing Access Program

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

Upland Game, Waterfowl, Turkey, & Javelina Hunting

	Grassland	Woodland	Cropland	Wetland	Riparian
High rate	\$1.00/acre	\$2.00/acre	\$2.50/acre	\$8.00/acre	\$10.00/acre
Mid-rate	\$0.50/acre	\$1.60/acre	\$2.00/acre	\$6.40/acre	\$8.00/acre
Low rate	\$0.25/acre	\$1.20/acre	\$1.50/acre	\$4.80/acre	\$6.00/acre

Qualifying game: Upland game (dove, grouse, pheasant, quail, squirrel), waterfowl, sandhill crane, turkey, & javelina

High rates must meet 3 of the following conditions; **mid-rates** must meet 2; **low rates** must meet 1.

- Potential hunter use: Acreage must be located within 60 miles of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Roswell, Farmington, Clovis, Hobbs, or Alamogordo.
- Potential hunting opportunities: Acreage must provide access and opportunity to hunt 3 or more Qualifying Game
- Habitat quality: Acreage must have good supply of food, water, cover, and space for huntable game. Determined through NMDGF evaluation

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

Big Game Hunting

Unlimited access provided for big game hunting	Up to 25% increase to per acre rate for upland Game, waterfowl, turkey, and javelina hunting
Restricted access for big game hunting (such as Youth Only or Archery Only)	Up to 10% increase to per acre rate for upland Game, waterfowl, turkey, and javelina hunting
Rates depend on habitat quality and big game abundance. Determined by NMDGF evaluation.	

Bear, Cougar, & Furbearer Hunting / Trapping

	All seasons
Set rate	\$0.15/acre
Access is provided to private land for hunting and/or trapping during open seasons and dates. Final approval subject to NMDGF evaluation	

Warm & Cold Water Fishing

	Pond surface acreage	Stream length (both sides)	Stream length (one side)
High rate	\$250.00/acre	\$2,500.00/mile	\$1,250.00/mile
Mid-rate	\$125.00/acre	\$1,250.00/mile	\$625.00/mile
Low rate	\$62.50/acre	\$625.00/mile	\$312.50/mile

High rates must meet 3 of the following conditions; **mid-rates** must meet 2; **low rates** must meet 1.

- Potential angler use: Waters must be located within 60 miles of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area, Las Cruces, Santa Fe, Roswell, Farmington, Clovis, Hobbs, or Alamogordo.
- Accessibility: Waters must be reasonably accessible to as many people as possible.
- Fishery quality: Waters must be able to support a recreational lease and have a self-sustaining fishery that will not require additional stocking. Determined by NMDGF evaluation.

Improved Access to Public Land

	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.	

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.