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Dear Southwestern New Mexico Sandhill Crane Hunter:

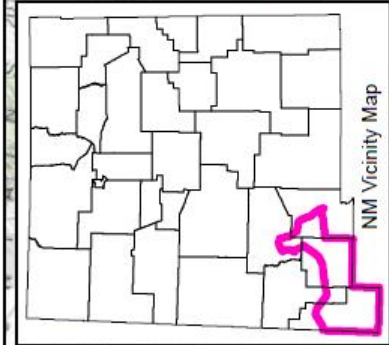
Congratulations, your application was selected for a permit to hunt sandhill cranes during the 2021 Southwest (SW) New Mexico special season, SCR-0-108. Your hunt is scheduled for October 30–November 7, 2021. The SW Sandhill Crane hunt area is depicted on the map accompanying this letter. The daily bag limit is three (3) cranes with six (6) in possession. Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset and only non-toxic shot may be used and in your possession.

There will not be a check station for this hunt. All hunters are required to fill out the harvest survey at the end of this letter. Successful hunters are additionally required to fill out a bill measurement card for each crane harvested. The bill measurement card accompanies this letter below. These items must be returned to the Department by November 12, 2021. The Department is required to monitor the number of greater sandhill cranes harvested to ensure we do not exceed a sustainable harvest. Please follow the instructions on the bill measurement card carefully so that the Department can verify the number of greater sandhill cranes that are harvested. It is critical that you submit your harvest surveys, as any crane or hunter without this corresponding information counts against our state's harvest allotment for greater sandhill cranes. Too many nonreporting hunters could cause crane hunts to close if it appears that New Mexico will exceed its harvest allotment. Do not report your harvest for this hunt through the Department's online small game harvest survey.

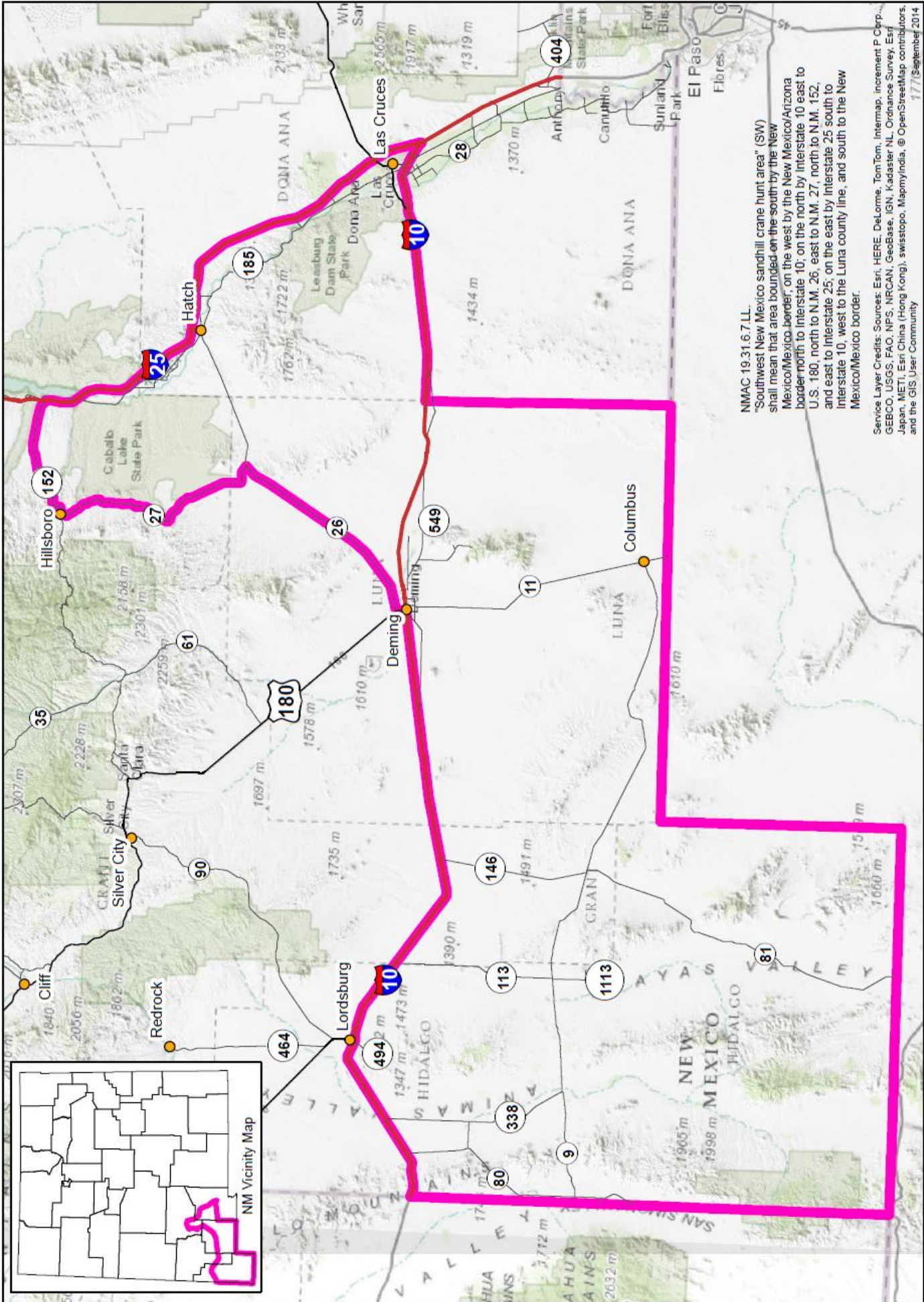
**IMPORTANT—If you harvest cranes, you must return both your bill cards and harvest survey by November 12, 2021. If you did not hunt or did not harvest any cranes, you still must return your harvest survey by November 12, 2021.**

A valid hunting license with a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number and a crane hunting permit issued for the correct date and hunt location are required to participate in this hunt. Hunters 17 years of age or younger must also possess their hunter education certification card.

Migratory Game Bird Program  
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish



NM Vicinity Map



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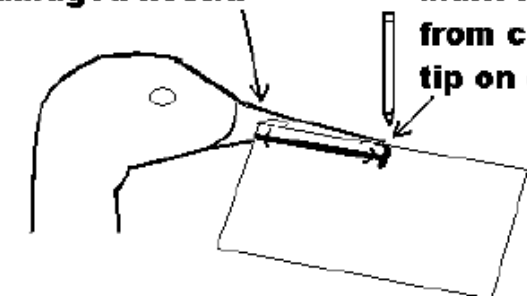
# Sandhill Crane Bill Measurement Card

**Please print this on card stock. Please do not bend card.**

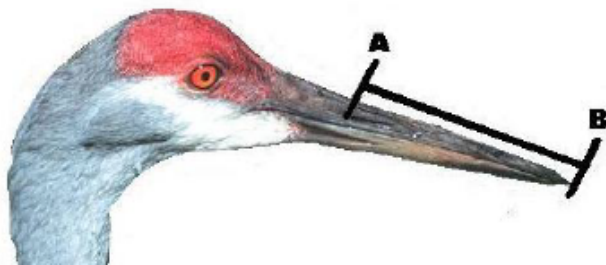
We need a straight-line measurement from the back of an undamaged nostril hole (A) to the tip of your crane's bill (B). Push any corner of this card against the back of an undamaged nostril hole (A) and draw a line on this card at the tip of the bill (B).

**Place any corner of  
the card into an  
undamaged nostril**

**Mark distance  
from corner to bill  
tip on card**



**Keep card straight**



1. Name of hunter \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there brown feathers on the back of the crane's head? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
3. What color is the eye? Brown \_\_\_\_ Yellow or Orange \_\_\_\_
4. Harvest date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please return by mail:

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish—Sandhill Crane Surveys  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**Thank you!**





## 2021 SW SANDHILL CRANE HUNT HARVEST SURVEY, SCR-0-108

***Please complete whether or not you hunted***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did You Hunt? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_ (If no, stop here. If yes, provide information below)

2. Please complete a separate entry for EACH DAY you hunted sandhill cranes.  
LEAVE DAYS NOT HUNTED BLANK.

Hunt Date	How many <u>hours</u> did you hunt?	Number of cranes killed	Number of cranes <u>dropped</u> but NOT RETRIEVED	Total number of shots fired
Oct. 30				
Oct. 31				
Nov. 1				
Nov. 2				
Nov. 3				
Nov. 4				
Nov. 5				
Nov. 6				
Nov. 7				

3. In which county/counties did you bag your cranes? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you hunt primarily in a field? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

If YES, what type of crop was in the field? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Did you hunt primarily on a river or wetland? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Please return within 5 days from the close of the hunt to: NM Dept. of Game & Fish –  
Sandhill Crane Surveys, P.O. Box 25112, Santa Fe, NM 87504 or***

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