

## Assessors Affiliate fall meeting fun! Who is the tallest?!



## First snow of the season in Las Vegas, NM!



**Guadalupe County** commission has promoted Rose Fernandez, previously the interim manager and county finance director, as the new County Manager. Congratulations, Rose!!!

**Mora County** commission has hired Joy Ansley as their new County Manager. She was previously the Torrance County manager and recently the Public Works Director for the City of Moriarty. Welcome back, Joy!!!

## USDA Forest Service Resumes Select Timber Management Activities

Activities to resume include the cutting of the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree, personal Christmas tree cutting, the cutting of personal use forest products such as vigas and latillas, special product collection by tribes for ceremonial purposes, and the cutting of certain hazard trees. Certain projects entirely outside of Mexican spotted owl Protected Activity Centers, critical and recovery habitat will resume, along with prescribed burning projects within certain limitations listed in the order. Certain commercial firewood gathering projects are also allowed to resume with restrictions, as specified in the court's order. Personal use firewood cutting will continue to be allowed. Other timber management activities not listed in the court's orders are still restricted.

## New Mexico Fears Census Undercounting, Losing Federal Funds

New Mexico lost \$780 million in the last census due to nonrespondents. The state wants to get a complete count in 2020, but that requires maneuvering "hard-to-count" areas that may not have Internet or telephone access.

## 2020 Forest Service Wood Innovations Grant

- Applications due by January 15, 2020
- Open to tribes, counties, etc.
- Develop/expand wood products and wood energy industry/markets as an agent for forest restoration

Request for proposals/applications [HERE](#)  
2020 Wood Innovations Program [HERE](#)

## Fire Adapted NM Learning Exchange

⇒ Friday, November 8, 2019, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Cottonwood Gulch Basecamp, 659 NM 612  
Thoreau, NM 87323

**Learn:** Landscape treatments, plans and regulations, community engagement, public health, wildfire recovery, safety and evacuation, resident and community mitigation, and wildfire response

**Register Free** [HERE](#) or contact Gabe Kohler, [gabe@forestguild.org](mailto:gabe@forestguild.org) or 505.844.3048



## NATIONAL NEWS

### Legislation introduced to protect pre-trial federal health benefits

Members of the NACo-National Sheriffs' Association Health Care and Jails Task Force expressed support for both bills.

### HUD opens public comment period for Opportunity Zones grant resource

The public comment period will remain open through Dec. 9.

## NACo Webinars/Meetings

**Mon. Oct. 28 Census 2020: Outreach Solutions for Counties to Reach HTC Communities** 1 p.m.-3 p.m. MT

**Thurs. Nov. 21-22 Stepping Up Peer Exchange** Tulsa County, OK

**Tues. Dec. 5 Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice: Using Data to Identify and Serve People who Frequently Utilize Health, Human Services and Justice Systems** 12 p.m.-1:15 p.m. MT

Search County Employment Opportunities or enter new job posts [here](#) for up to 30 days.

New Employee? Submit [here](#) add/delete/replace to directory.

Did someone forward you this email? [Sign up](#) here.

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## 2020 Legislative Conference

January 21-23, 2020  
Santa Fe, NM

### Registration for NM Counties 2020 Legislative Conference is now open! Click [HERE](#)

January 21-23, 2020

Advance registration county member **\$200** through November 15, 2019

Standard registration county member **\$225** November 16-January 10, 2020

Late/onsite registration county member **\$250** January 11-January 23, 2020\*online registration closes January 10, 2020 with onsite registration available January 20, 2020

### October

**Wed. Oct 29-31** Multi-Line Pool Board, Joint Pool Boards Retreat, & Workers' Compensation Board meeting Ruidoso, Inn of the Mountain Gods

### November

**Thurs. Nov 7** Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m. NMC Santa Fe office

**Fri. Nov 8** NMML/NMC Joint Legislative meeting 9 a.m. Inn at Loretto Santa Fe

**Wed. Nov. 13-15** Local Gov't Division Annual Budget Conference

**Wed. Dec. 4** Advisory Council meeting 11 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

**Wed. Dec. 11** Multi-Line Pool Board meeting 8:30 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

**Thurs. Dec. 12** Workers' Compensation Board meeting 9 a.m. NMC Santa Fe office

### January 2020

**Mon. Jan. 20-22** NM EDGE classes, Drury Plaza Hotel

**Tues. Jan. 21-23** NMC Legislative Conference, Santa Fe, SFCCC

**Tues. Jan. 21** Legislative Session, Noon

**Tues. Jan. 21** NMCIA Membership meeting, 8 a.m., Eldorado

**Tues. Jan. 21** NMC Board of Directors meeting, 2 p.m., Eldorado



## NMC Loss Prevention Trainings Link to RSVP

**Thurs. 10/24-25** "Civilian" Crisis Intervention Training, Raton, NM 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Tues. 11/19-20** PREA Coordinator Training Dona Ana County Adult Detention Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Wed. 12/4** CPR Instructor Training - Medic First Aid Program NMC's ABQ office conference room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Mon. 1/9-10** PREA Investigator Training, NM Bar Association Conference Room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Federal Grant Opportunities

### Early Head Start Expansion and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grants - Bernalillo and Rio Arriba Counties

- \$1,494,075 in total funds, one award expected
- Deadline November 12, 2019

### Head Start/Early Head Start Grantee-Chaves and Eddy Counties

- \$5,839,616 in total funds, two awards expected
- Deadline November 12, 2019

### Head Start/Early Head Start Grantee-Curry, De Baca, Guadalupe, Harding, Quay, and Roosevelt Counties

- \$4,211,684 in total funds, two awards expected
- Deadline November 12, 2019

For more grant opportunities, click on [Grants.gov](#)

## TrueConnect Loan Benefit Program for Counties

12 Counties currently offer this benefit: Bernalillo, Catron, Eddy, Doña Ana, Grant, Harding, Otero, San Miguel, Socorro, Taos, Torrance, and Valencia Counties. [Top Five Benefits for the Employee](#)

1. No credit check or collateral
2. Under 14% actual interest paid compared to 175% interest cap on title or payday loans
3. Paid off in 12 months through payroll deduction
4. Repayments reported as good credit
5. Six free financial education & credit counseling sessions

### Frequently Asked Concerns for the County

1. No cost or liability to the county
2. Secure, confidential online application for small loans \$1,000 to \$3,000
3. Less time to process payroll deduction than garnishments
4. Repayment is negotiated between the ex-employee and the lender with an outstanding loan
5. County signs two-page agreement, does implementation training, and launches program

Poll your employees. Contact Susan Mayes, [smayes@nmcounties.org](mailto:smayes@nmcounties.org), for a presentation to your commission