

Wildland Urban Fire Summit Highlights Day 1



“With a deepening drought, we can only expect that the next fire season is going to be really active,” stated NM EMNRD Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. “Regardless of our preparations, we can’t suppress our way out of wildfire. We have to find ways to co-exist with this natural process.”

Topic concerns: fuel treatments, community wildfire protection plans, mitigation, fire suppression, reporting, solutions, and trainings. Fires are larger and more frequent so there is a need for change: Developed COVID Response Modules CRM Thanks to federal, state, local agencies and their collaborations with our counties!



The 2020 Census Count is Complete!

On behalf of NMC, we want to give a huge shout out to all **33 counties** for your persistence and perseverance in putting yourselves out there, pivoting your strategy at a moments notice over and over as the Census Bureau changed direction, overcoming obstacles with the coronavirus, lack of internet services/Wi-Fi, etc., and creating clever outreach opportunities with favorable outcomes to engage your community and convince them to complete their census.

The final self-response rate was 58.7% with a goal of 60% but in our minds, all 33 counties are winners! The collaboration with the state, counties, tribes/pueblos, and contractors was amazing. Counties matter and you did it!!!

USDA Rural Development Invests Nearly \$20M in ReConnect Broadband Service in NM

- SWC Telesolutions Inc. **\$6.1M** Sierra County
- Leaco Rural Telephone Coop. Inc. **\$4.5M** Eddy, Chaves, Lea counties
- Penasco Valley Telephone Coop. Inc. **\$8.1M** Chaves, Lincoln, Eddy, Otero counties
- Continental Divide Electric Coop. Inc. **\$1.1M** Cibola County

Link to NMC Meetings [Annual Calendar](#) Link to NMC Loss Prevention Trainings [RSVP](#) SAVE THE DATE—NMC Virtual Legislative Conference January 18-21, 2021

- Wed. Oct. 28–29 Virtual NMCIA Board meeting starting 8:30 a.m. for approximately 4 hours each
- Tue. Nov. 3 LP Webinar Required Hot Work Permit Program 10 a.m.
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF54DC87824A3E>
- Thur. Nov. 5 Zoom NMC Executive Committee meeting 2 p.m.
- Fri. Nov. 6 NMC/NMML Joint Legislative Meeting 9 a.m. TBD
- Tue. Nov. 17 LP Webinar Permit Controlled Confined Spaces 10 a.m.
Reg: <http://www.anymeeting.com/PIID=EF54DC8782493C>
- Thur. Nov. 19 LP Online Medic First Aid CPR Instructor Development Training (Max 5 attendees)
- Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Training Dec. 1, 8 a.m.–Noon, Dec. 2, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Dec. 7, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Dec. 8, 8 a.m.–Noon
- Thur Dec 3 Advisory Council meeting 1 p.m. TBD
- Mon Jan 18–21 NMC Virtual Legislative Conference
- Tue Jan 19 Legislative 60-day Session opens Noon

EMERGING RESEARCH ON BEGINNING FARMERS & RANCHERS

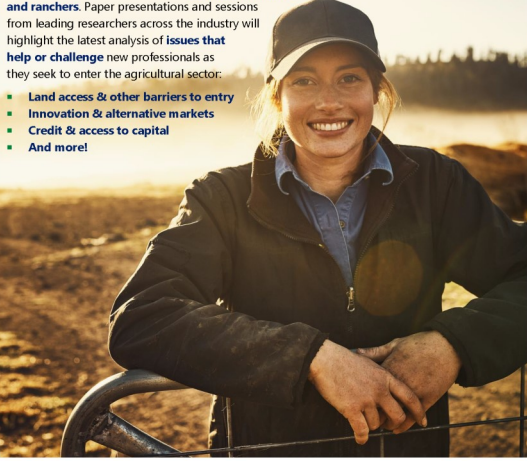
FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 9-10, 2020

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- Land access & other barriers to entry
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BLM Seeks Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

- Nominations must include letters of reference, completed applications, and other relevant qualification information by **November 13, 2020**
- Five positions on its Southern NM Resource Advisory Council and four positions on its Northern NM RAC

To receive an application, contact:

Southern New Mexico RAC
Coordinator Glen Garnand (575) 627-0209
ggarnand@blm.gov

Northern New Mexico RAC
Coordinator Jillian Aragon (505) 564-7722
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Two Grant Opportunities to Help Grow Forest/Wood Industry for Forest Management

- 2021 Wood Innovation grant program applications **due January 20, 2020**
- 2021 Community Wood Energy grant program applications **due February 2, 2021**

Provides funds and other support to develop or expand wood products and wood energy industry/markets as an agent for forest restoration. RFP information [HERE](#)

Contact Buck Sanchez, Forest Service Southwestern Regional Office, 505.717.5673 or email buck.sanchez@usda.gov

See the Advanced Purchasing [Class Schedule](#)

October is Public Purchasing month

Classes are live online

- 1) Get your Initial Chief Procurement Officer certification (CPO) on **October 6-9** (six classes and test)
- 2) CPO 1st time Recertification classes on **October 14**
- 3) CPO 2nd time Continuing Recertification classes on **October 15**
- 4) Advanced Public Purchasing classes on **October 27-29**

To check your transcript and enroll, visit our NM EDGE [Student Record and Enrollment Site](#)

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NACo Highlights Bernalillo County Tiny Homes Village!

The village offers holistic housing intervention and provides safe, dignified transitional housing for individuals experiencing homelessness. Its close proximity to amenities provide support services for employment and the stabilization of residents.

Bernalillo County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley, who has a background in affordable housing, spearheaded the idea with council members from the City of Albuquerque to create a community of tiny houses in the county. ~NACo.org

NACo Leadership Academy Update

29 counties have signed up. Let's get the four remaining counties (De Baca, Lea, Lincoln, & Rio Arriba) to enroll one person (free!) for the 12-wk class starting January 11, 2021. Lock in your scholarships by Nov. 20 to Ben Graves, beng@pdaleadership.com

Wed Nov 18 [Fall Virtual CIO Forum Series—Broadband](#) 10 a.m.–1 p.m. MT