

News Brief

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URGENT-Calling all GIS, IT, 911 Directors, Managers, and **Commissioner affiliate members**: Counties have a unique opportunity to partner with your providers/cities and review, challenge, add locations, and inform the FCC's broadband mapping data for your county. The map is LIVE at FCC data mapping. The map may overstate residences with broadband. The more locations identified as **unserved and underserved**, the more

\$\$ that comes to your county. Tutorial for submitting challenges: https://www.fcc.gov/ **BroadbandData/consumers**, scroll down the page. In order for the state to receive all federal funds for broadband grants, NM counties must present a complete service map to the FCC by January 13, 2023. This will be an 'all hands on deck' project that needs to be precise. Need guidance? The NM Office of Broadband GIS contact is Dianne Lundstrom, Deputy Director OBAE, 505-999-7393, dianne.lindstrom@doit.nm.gov. Plan to Register for Dec. 7, 2022 "Federal Broadband Funding 101: Resources for Local Governments" virtual event with Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, NACo, Los Alamos County Broadband Manager Jerry Smith & more. Contact Melanie Goodman, 505.520.6492



Register by Fri. Nov. 25 to receive the advanced registration rate of \$275/person. The standard rate applies at \$300/person through Fri. Jan. 4, 2023. Onsite registration is \$350/person. The NMCIA membership meeting is Tues. morning Jan. 17 and the NMC Board meeting is that afternoon. Opening session is Wed. morning Jan. 18 with inspirational speaker Dr. Butch Rosser jr. followed by two workshops: Workforce Recruitment & Retention and Federal Funding & Infrastructure Opportunities. Affiliates meet that afternoon. The evening ends with a reception and dance. Affiliates meet again Thur. morning Jan. 19 and then we gather for the closing lunch.

NMC 2023 Legislative Conference—REGISTER TODAY!

Christmas Tree Permits Available Online at Recreation.gov

Make it an adventure by cutting your own Christmas tree on the Santa Fe National Forest (SFNF). Purchase a permit online or in person from Nov. 10 through Dec. 31, 2022.

The official cutting period begins on Nov. 16.

- Nov. 10: Christmas tree permits available for purchase at Recreation gov Nov. 16: In-person sales at district
- offices and SFNF Headquarters
- Jemez Ranger District sells permits over the phone

 Nov. 18: In-person sales at <u>Walatowa</u> <u>Visitor Center</u> Fri-Sun 9am 4pm The SFNF's nonrefundable Christmas tree permits are \$10. Permits purchased online through Recreation.gov will include an *additional \$2.50 service fee.* One tag is valid for a tree up to five inches in diameter and 10 feet in height. Trees taller than 10 feet and/or wider than five inches require an additional tag. You will need a Recreation.gov account to purchase a Christmas tree permit online. Every fourth grader is eligible for a free holiday tree permit with a valid **Every Kid Outdoors pass**, downloadable at www.everykidoutdoors.gov





NMC Grace Philips and Robin Martinez providing Chaves County commission detention data and claims to a packed house.



NMC offices closed Thur. Nov. 24-Fri. Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

NMED Clean Water Funding and DFA Federal Grant Opportunities Webinar November 30, 10AM-11AM

Register for FREE

Hear options for working with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and how funding from the BIL relates to ongoing NMED programs. Learn free assistance for locating potential federal grants and application.



January 5, 10, 24, 26 and 31, 2023

NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe Community Convention Center **Schedule**

January 16 and 17, 2023 "T is for Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays" **ZOOM LIVE ONLINE**

of Classes

Link to NMC Meetings 2022 Annual Calendar Link to Loss Prevention Trainings RSVP

2023 NMC Calendar of Events

Tue Dec 6-8 NMC Better Informed Public Officials (BIPO) Conference ABQ, Embassy Suites Thu Dec 8 Advisory Council meeting 2PM ABQ **Embassy Suites**

Wed Dec 14 NMCIA Board of Directors meeting 8:30AM Santa Fe County

Mon Jan 17–19 NMC Legislative Conference Santa Fe Community Convention Center (SFCCC)

Mon Jan 16–18 NM EDGE Classes Santa Fe County Tue Jan 17 60-Day Legislative Session begins **Tue Jan 17** NMCIA membership meeting 9AM Eldorado Hotel

Tue Jan 17 NMC Board of Directors meeting 2PM Eldorado Hotel

Thu Jan 26 NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM via Zoom

Thu Feb 2 NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM

via Zoom **Thu Feb 9** NMC Executive Committee meeting 11AM

via Zoom

Sat Feb 11–14 NACo Legislative Conference Washington D.C.

Thu Feb 16 Bill introduction deadline **Sat Feb 18** NMC Board of Directors meeting 8:30am

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