

PUBLIC NOTICE

NATURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM APPLICATION ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, FORESTRY DIVISION FOR STATE AGENCIES, STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, TRIBES, PUEBLOS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE

AMENDMENT NO. 1

The State of New Mexico, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), Forestry Division (Forestry Division) is amending the request for applications (RFA) for conservation projects under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act (NHCA) Program to provide clarity in the Program Overview section.

This Request for Applications (RFA) is directed to qualified entities that meet the criteria below. A qualified entity is:

1. a state agency; a state educational institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the New Mexico Constitution; a political subdivision of the state; or for conservation projects wholly within New Mexico, an Indian tribe or pueblo; or
2. a qualified entity that is partnered with a conservation entity. A qualified conservation entity must be a private nonprofit charitable corporation or trust, authorized to do business in New Mexico, that has tax-exempt status as a public charity pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that has the power to acquire, hold or maintain land or interests in land. A qualified conservation entity must be identified in the application.

The Forestry Division is revising the existing second paragraph in the Program Overview section to clarify criteria for qualified entities and the third paragraph in the Program Overview section to indicate grant funding focuses primarily on easement projects and associated acquisitions. All other terms and conditions of the original RFA remain the same.

Questions regarding the RFA or this Amendment No. 1 may be addressed to:

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