

NMDA's Noxious Weed Management Program

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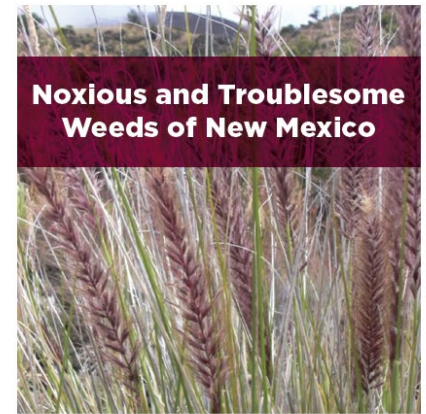
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Noxious Weed Management Act

76-7D-1 to 76-7D-6 NMSA 1978

- Purpose: “to improve the state economy and environment by managing noxious weeds in New Mexico”
- NMDA Duties (“shalls”)
 - Maintain state noxious weed list
 - Identify control methods and educate the public
 - Coordinate integrated noxious weed management programs
 - Notify private and public landowners about presence of noxious weeds and assist with management
- No enforcement mechanism. NMDA must rely on voluntary coordination with partners and the public.



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Land of Enchantment Legacy Funding

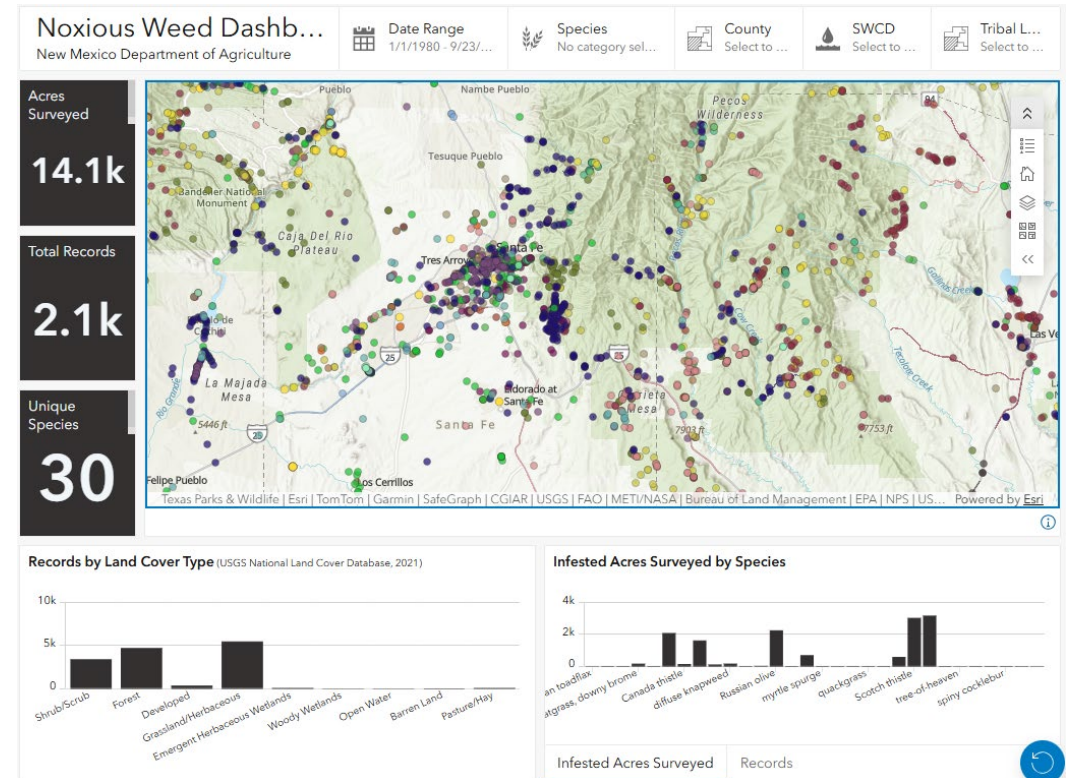
NMDA receives 22.5% of Land of Enchantment Legacy (LOE) funding to carry out programs and projects pursuant to:

1. Healthy Soil Act
2. Noxious Weed Management Act
3. Soil and Water Conservation District Act

	NMDA Distribution	Admin (5%)	Healthy Soil Act	SWCD Act	Noxious Weed Management Act
FY26	\$4,046,325.78	\$192,682.00	\$1,449,885.70	\$1,116,594.00	\$1,089,751.81
FY27	\$4,265,029.67	\$203,096.65	\$1,161,272.50	\$2,053,158.46	\$724,375.74

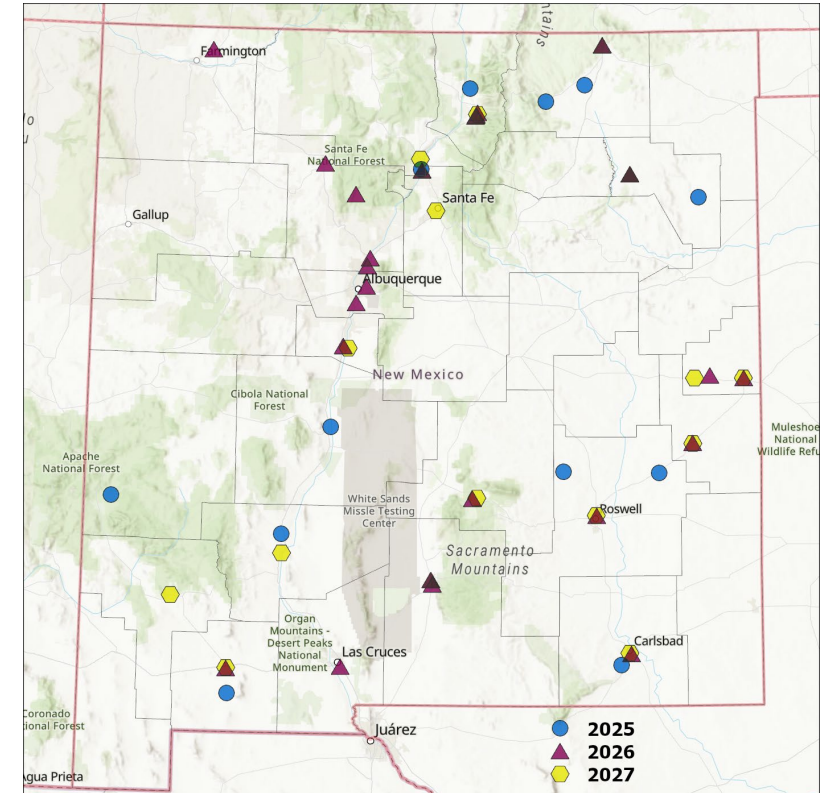
Program Growth with LOE Funding

- Prior to FY25, NMDA had no dedicated funding for noxious weed program
- With LOE Funds, NMDA has:
 - Hired full-time noxious weed coordinator
 - Compiled mapping data and developed [State Noxious Weed Dashboard](#)
 - Leveraged approx. \$650k in federal noxious weed funds (FYs 25-27)
 - Established new grant program



Noxious Weed Management Grant, FYs 25-27

- Objective: Support on-the-ground activities related to the prevention, control or eradication of state noxious weeds
- Eligible applicants: Tribes, Nations, Pueblos, SWCDs, local governments, NGOs with proven land management capacity
- Funded Activities:
 - Surveying & Mapping
 - Early Detection & Rapid Response (EDRR)
 - Integrated Weed Management (Treatments)
 - Education/Outreach
 - Planning, Capacity Development, & Partnership Building



Noxious Weed Management Grant, FYs 25-27

Grant Cycle	Applications	Amount Requested	Awards	Amount Awarded	Award Rate	Funding Rate	Match Pledged	Counties Served
FY25	15	\$829,089	12	\$685,336	80%	82.70%	\$241,951	16
FY26	20	\$1,088,551	18	\$741,562	90%	68.10%	\$517,319	17
FY26-Fall	22	\$1,153,362	11	\$583,950	50%	50.60%	\$158,259	18
FY27	17	\$824,090	13	\$623,451	76.50%	75.70%	\$369,718	12
Total	74	\$3,895,091	54	\$2,634,299	73%	67.60%	\$1,287,247	23

Examples of Funded Projects, FYs 25-27

Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project - Harding, San Miguel, Union Counties

- Grantees: Ute Creek & Mesa SWCDs
- Targets Siberian elm, saltcedar, musk thistle in Canadian River riparian corridor
- \$193,316.87 across four awards (FY25, FY26, two in FY26 Fall), 316.7 planned acres

Deming SWCD African Rue Treatments – Luna County

- Grantee: Deming SWCD
- Targets African rue, Malta starthistle, Russian knapweed, saltcedar on roadways, rights-of-way, and public areas
- \$175,124.99 across three awards (FY25, FY26 Fall, FY27), 1,365.93 planned acres

Pueblo of Sandia Bosque Restoration – Sandoval County

- Grantees: Pueblo of Sandia & Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps
- Targets Siberian elm, Russian olive, saltcedar, tree of heaven in the Rio Grande bosque
- \$80,147.45 across two awards (FY26 & FY26 Fall), ~38 planned acres in two phases



Canadian River Riparian
Restoration Project

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