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Rules & Regs:

State Access Management Manual (SAMM)

Manual NMDOT uses to assess and approve access requests on state owned facilities. Adopted through rule making.

Established through 18.31.6 NMAC

The SAMM informs NMDOT access permits/breaks

Controlled Access and non-controlled access.

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History and Responsibilities:

*Majority of existing access points were established prior to NMDOT access permitting process implementation.

*Cattle guard maintenance/cleaning is dependent on the following:

-CG's at permitted access points are responsibility of permittee.

-CG's outside of the NMDOT ROW are responsibility of adjacent landowner or local entity.

-CG's within NMDOT ROW that were installed prior to NMDOT permitting process are in question.

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How we got here/what are we doing:

*STC Meeting in Bloomfield, January 2027, public comment.

*Spring inventory: approximately 5,800 cattle guards within or partially within the ROW statewide.

*Approximately 20% or 1,160 of these are currently maintained by internal forces and contract maintenance projects at a cost of $8.8M/yr.

*Maintenance/cleaning all CG's annually would cost $36M.

*Establishment of CG crew in each District would require:
-Equipment: $6M upfront, then every 10 to 15 years.
-Manpower: 24 full-time employees at a cost of $3M annually

*This would allow NMDOT to maintain all the CG's on a rotating basis of 1/3 of the CG's/year.

*Identification how many of the 5,800 CG's are on permitted access points to refine costs.

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QUESTIONS???????

