

**2013 APPROVED  
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE  
for the  
LAND GRANT COMMITTEE**

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**Work Plan**

The Land Grant Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 30, 2013. The committee proposes to focus on the following topics:

1. overview of land grant history, including contemporary history (a continuing item throughout the interim);
2. Tierra Amarilla Land Grant follow-up;
3. updates from and discussion with the United States Forest Service (USFS) on:
  - a. the Strikeforce Initiative (New Mexico is a pilot state);
  - b. Nuestra Señora del Rosario San Fernando y Santiago Land Grant (Truchas) and Abiquiu Land Grant boundary disputes;
  - c. an update on phase 2 of the memorandum of understanding with the USFS and land grants (master stewardship plans);
  - d. United States Department of Agriculture programs available to assist land grants and rural development; and
  - e. traditional use rights once granted to Las Trampas Land Grant;
4. Bureau of Land Management presentation on land disposal — San Antonio de las

Huertas (Placitas);

5. Incitor — progress update and economic development opportunities on land grants;
6. Mount Taylor — update on New Mexico Supreme Court decision (when it is handed down);
7. training of New Mexico's lawyers and judges in land grant issues — discussion with the Hispanic Bar Association and University of New Mexico School of Law;
8. conflicts and problems with land grant elections — recent examples from the San Miguel del Vado Land Grant and Anton Chico Land Grant. Input to be requested from the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Secretary of State;
9. native plant use and traditional use of forest resources — a discussion;
10. the relationship between the Land Grant Council and the Department of Finance and Administration and the New Mexico Finance Authority;
11. quiet title actions: Ojo Caliente, Arroyo Hondo and San Cristobal de la Serna;
12. continuing dialogue on taxation issues — exploring exemption of taxes for land grants or intercepting part of already collected taxes, such as mill levy or property taxes;
13. revisiting the definition of a land grant heir;
14. examination of the need for any changes to Chapter 49 NMSA 1978 (land grants);
15. training for boards of trustees of land grants;
16. cemetery access at San Joaquin del Rio Chama;
17. colonias infrastructure development funds — geographic restrictions;
18. update on issues regarding state adherence to the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo — summary of findings by federal Government Accountability Office study and relevant state issues;
19. acquisition of surplus properties in Tome Land Grant from El Cerro de Tome;
20. update on efforts to involve land grants with the film industry;
21. examination of the feasibility of creating a land grant infrastructure fund, perhaps

modeled on the existing colonias infrastructure funds;

22. examination of state-owned property that was once land grant land;
23. coordination of capital outlay requests by land grants; and
24. examination of the situation of subgrants in the land grant community and how they might be assisted.

**Land Grant Committee  
2013 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 11	State Capitol, Santa Fe
July 11-12	Juan Bautista Balde Land Grant
August 8-9	Tajique Land Grant
September 18-19	Tome Land Grant
October 24-25	Tecolote Land Grant
November 19	State Capitol, Santa Fe