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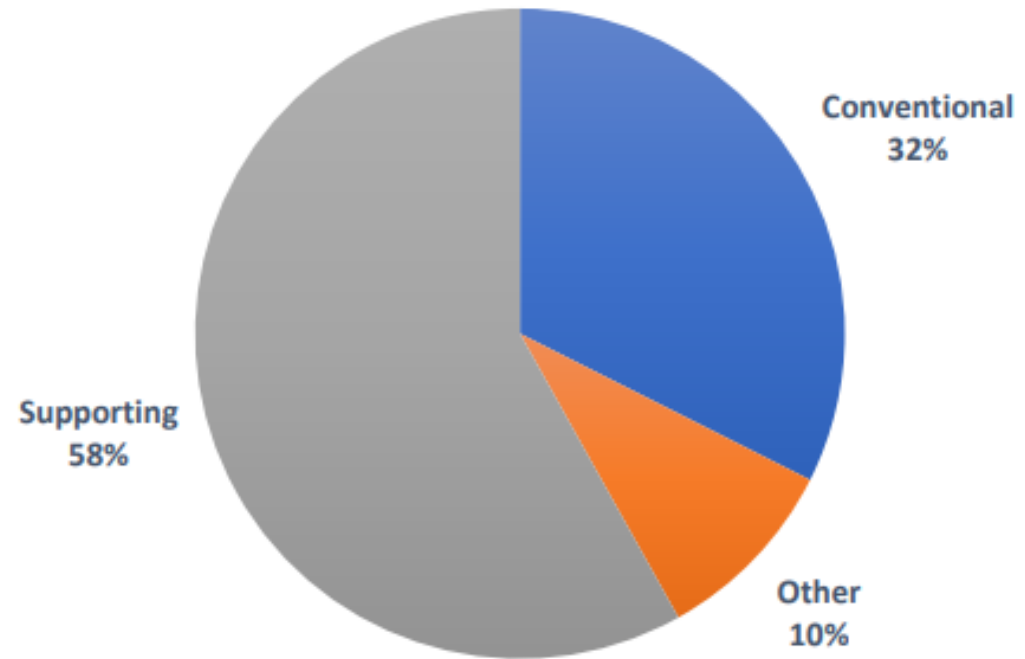
Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee  
November 30, 2021

- According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in 2020:

New Mexico's outdoor economy **contributed 1.9% (\$1.9 billion)** to state GDP.

It employed **25,196 New Mexicans** (3.1% of total employment), with **\$1 billion in income**.

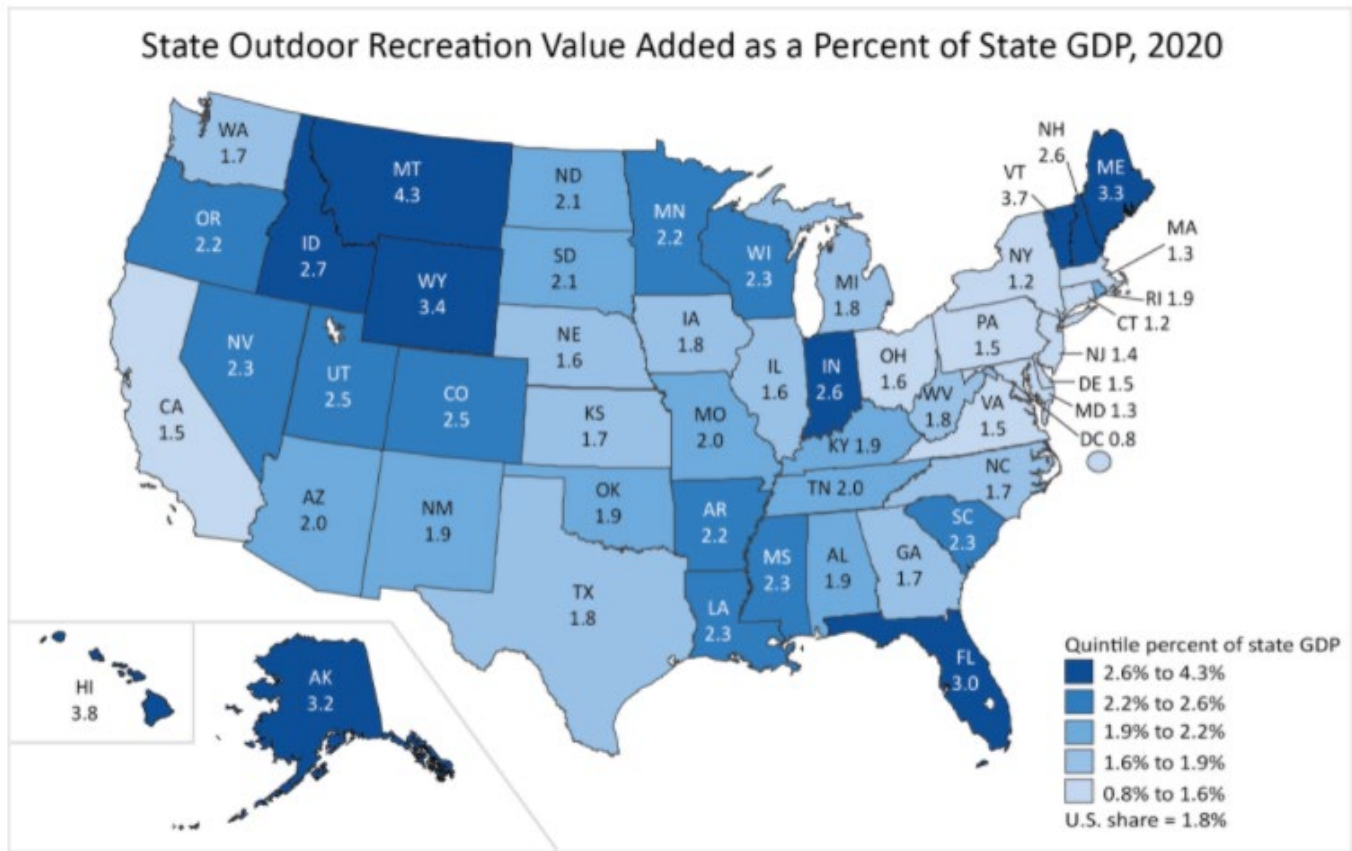
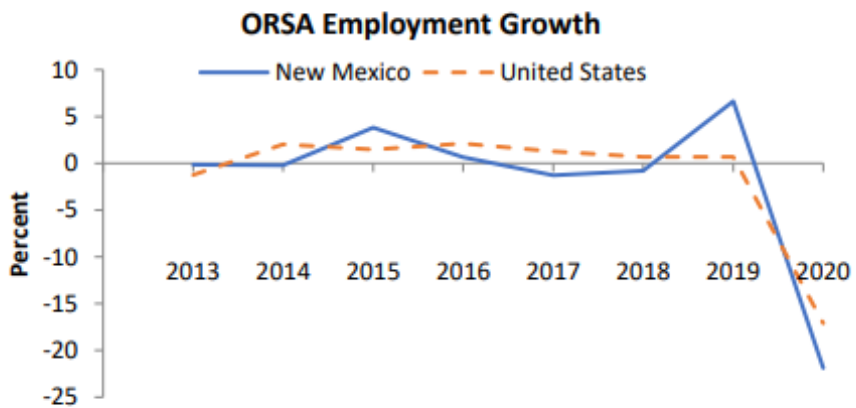
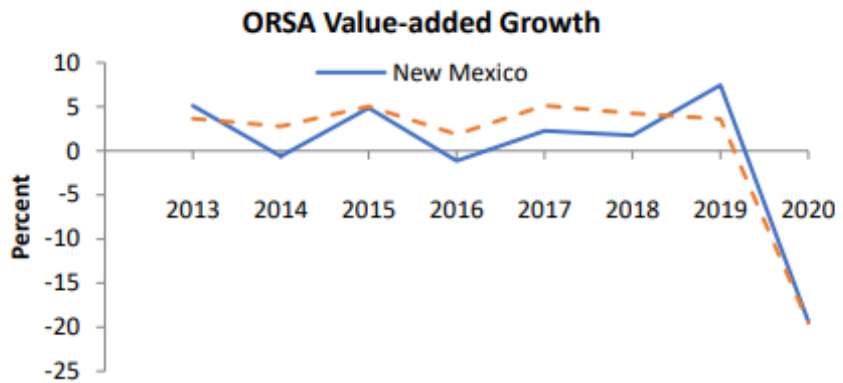
**Value-added Composition of Outdoor Recreation Activities**



**Conventional ORSA** activities include traditional outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, boating, and hunting.

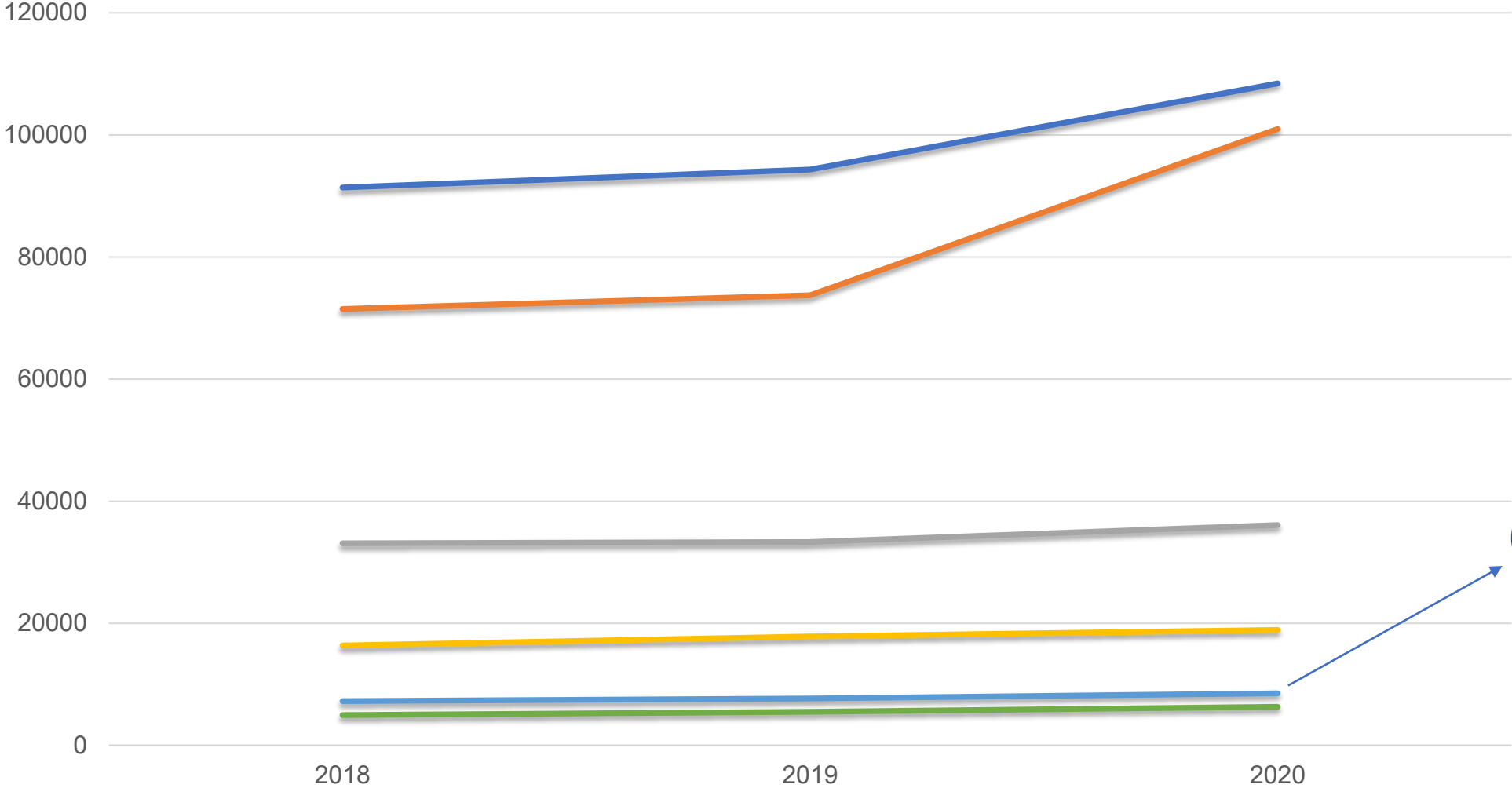
**Other ORSA** activities include those that take place outside, such as gardening and outdoor concerts.

**Supporting ORSA** activities are those that contribute to the core activities and include such things as construction, travel and tourism, local trips, and government expenditures.



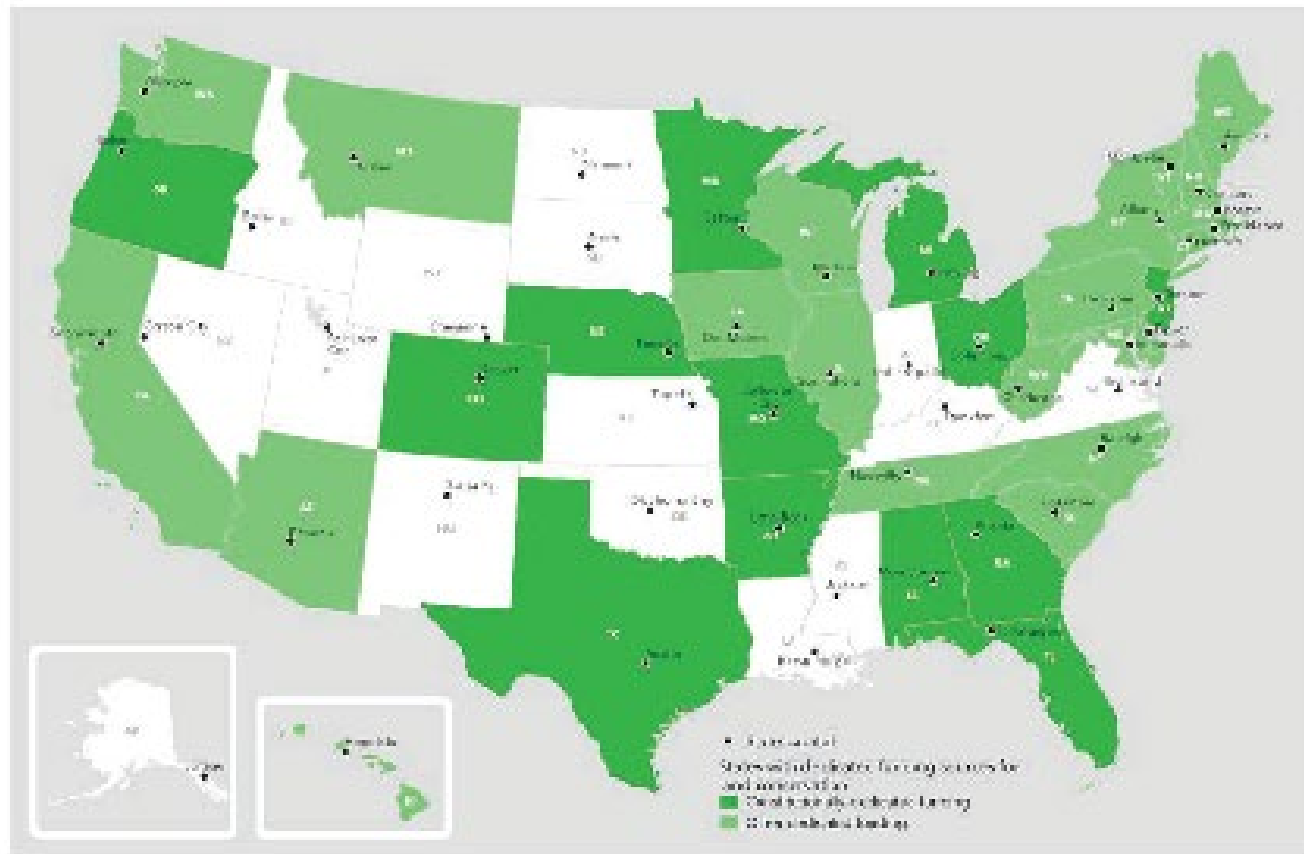
U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

# 2020 Growth of Conventional Outdoor Recreation Activities (Thousands of dollars)



Up  
10%

- RVing
- Boating and Fishing
- Motorcycling and ATVing
- Climbing, Hiking, Camping
- Bicycling
- Recreational Flying



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# OUTDOOR RECREATION TRAILS+ GRANT

- Awarded over \$506,000 to 25 projects in 2021
- 64% in rural counties
- The ask was for almost 2.5x that amount





# Gearing up: Small-scale cycling manufacturers riding into NM

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A bicycle manufactured by Baphomet Bicycles, a new manufacturing company based in Valdez. (Courtesy of John Watson)

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — When Dillen Maurer was looking for a new place to

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# Light as a feather

Santa Fe company builds teardrop trailers even a subcompact car can pull



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Angel Irlanda of Earth Traveler Teardrop Trailers works in his Santa Fe workshop/showroom to finish a trailer for a client last week. The carbon fiber-Kevlar-Corecell T250 edition weighs just 250 pounds, while the T300 version weighs 300 pounds.

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Chicken feathers. Angel Irlanda's airplane designer friend in Florida had boxes of them. Chicken feathers didn't work out for cutting-edge aircraft design.

Did Irlanda want them? Irlanda is an artist and sculptor. He was working as a painter on New Mexico movie sets.

He was also tent camping with his wife, Laura Esteves De Irlanda, and kids. The wind was incessant. No more tent camping. Time for a trailer, he reasoned.

Only problem? He had just bought a Fiat 500, not exactly a car designed to pull trailers. He found nothing on the market light enough, with even average teardrop trailers weighing about 1,500 pounds.

"It's outside," Irlanda said of his Fiat, parked by their 5,000-square-foot manufacturing space on Richards Lane they moved to in early August



Irlanda, left, and Laura Esteves De Irlanda, right, owners of Earth Traveler Teardrop Trailers, show Elen and Michael Chandler their new T300 trailer at the company's Santa Fe workshop/showroom last week.

be enclosed with a tent fabric. The front and rear roof sections rotate up from a center pivot, also with tent material, to enclose the vehicle. Fully expanded, the trailer measures 11 feet long, 11 feet wide and 7 feet high at the highest points in front and back.

Irlanda collaborated with material science and dynamic extremes scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory to determine the variance of strength in chicken feathers. This was through the New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program and the New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

"I like to design stuff," he said. "I'm an addict of design. I went to college to study architecture. I like industrial design."

Irlanda builds to order. An order so far takes 16 to 18 months to fulfill. He has completed six of 20 orders, five at home and one since moving to Richards Lane. He expects to build two or three trailers per month once the new employees are trained and the new equipment arrives.

Just as Earth Traveler hit its stride in early 2020, the pandemic stifled



# FY23 Legislative Request

## ORD Budget Request

Outdoor Recreation	FY21	FY22	FY23	Difference
P708				
200 Personnel	251.4	247.8	323.8	76.0
300 Contractual		25.0	25.0	
400 Other Costs	200.0	482.0	732.0	250.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>451.4</b>	<b>754.8</b>	<b>1,080.8</b>	<b>326.0</b>

- ❖ Add one funded FTE to manage trails infrastructure program
- ❖ Add \$250K for marketing
- ❖ + \$7 million special appropriation for Trails+ Outdoor Infrastructure Grant