

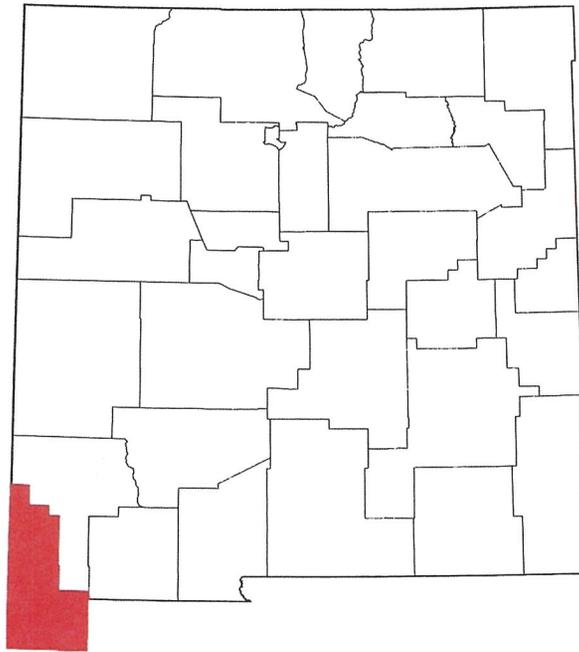
HIDALGO COUNTY



November 3, 2015

County Road System Challenges and
Border Patrol Impact

Hidalgo County is located in the southwest corner of NM. Bordered by Grant & Luna counties to the north and east, Arizona to the west, and Mexico to the south and east.



Hidalgo County General Information

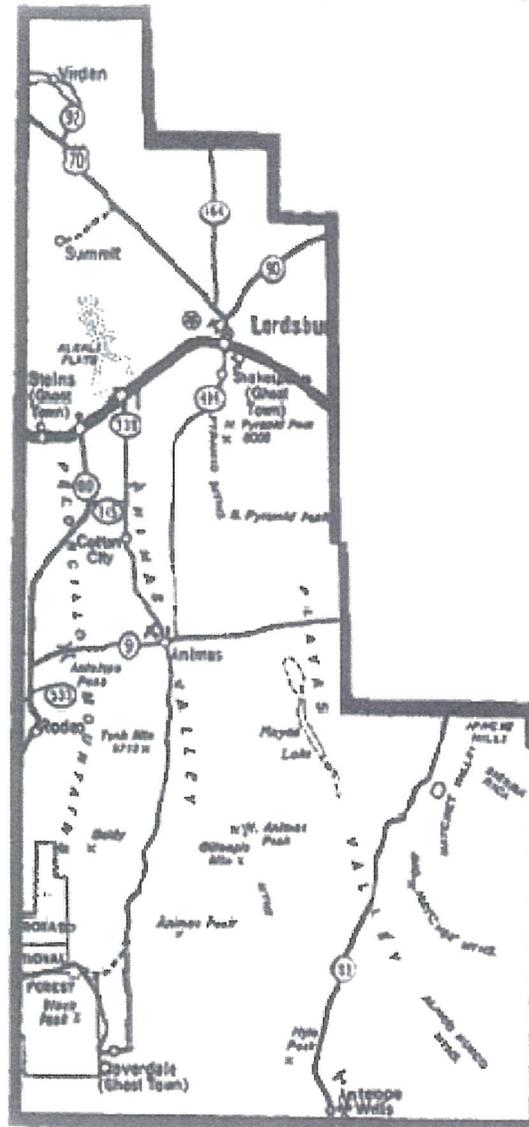
- ▶ County Seat: Lordsburg (population 2,797)
- ▶ Population:
 - ▶ 1980 - 6,049
 - ▶ 1990 - 5,958
 - ▶ 2000 - 5,932
 - ▶ 2010 - 4,894 (-17.5%) 2015 estimate - 4,700
- ▶ Total Area: 3,446 sq mi
 - ▶ Density - 1.4/sq mi
- ▶ Major Roadways:
 - ▶ Interstate I-10 east-west
 - ▶ Highways 70 & 90 north of I-10 and Highways 80 & 81 south of I-10
 - ▶ State Highway 9 east-west
- ▶ Major Industry: Farming and Ranching

County Maintained Roads and Road System Challenges

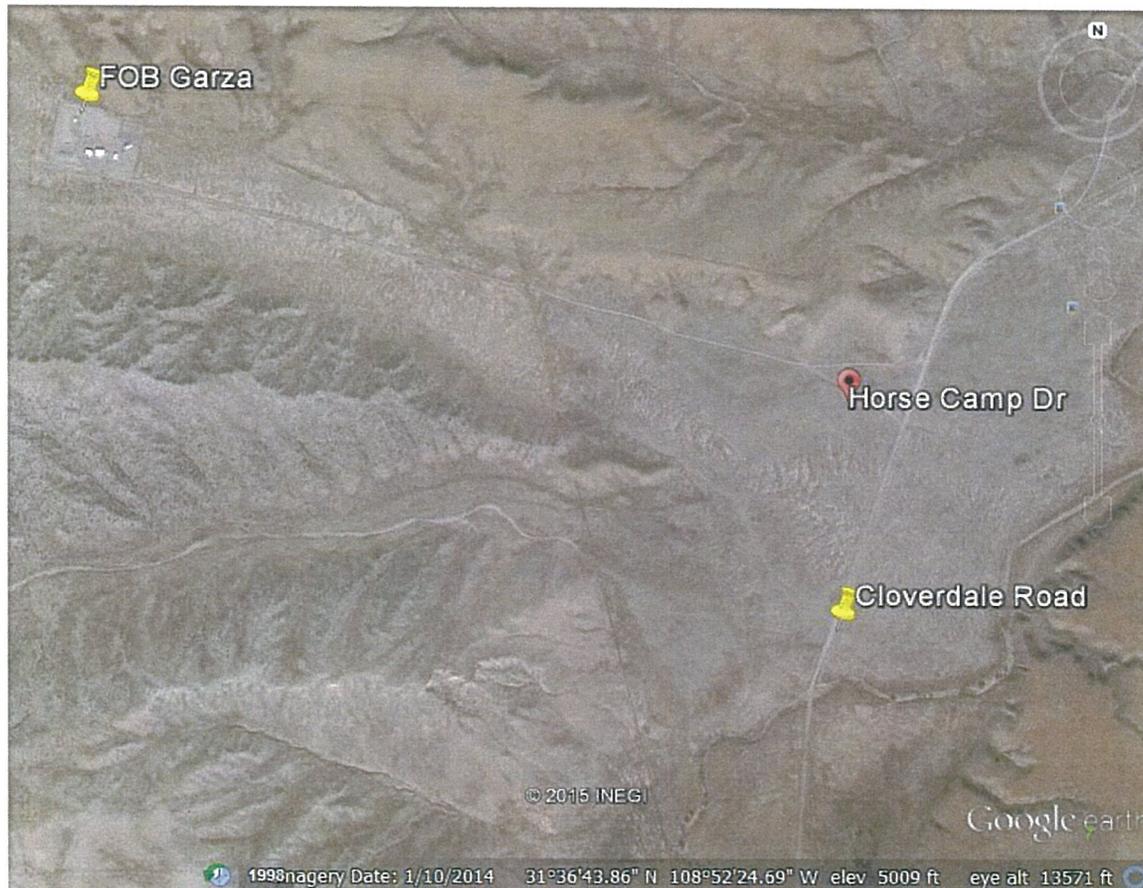
- ▶ 464 Total Miles
 - ▶ 419 dirt or gravel
 - ▶ 45 chip sealed
- ▶ 1 Road Maintenance Supervisor
- ▶ 4 Grader Operators
- ▶ 4 Graders (1998, 2000, 2007, 2009)
- ▶ 2 Dump Trucks (10 cubic yards)
- ▶ 2 Front end loaders
- ▶ 1 backhoe

Border Patrol Impact to County Roads

- ▶ 200 Border Patrol Agents stationed in Lordsburg
 - ▶ FOB Garza - 12-16 agents (rotate every 7-10 days)
 - ▶ Located off Cloverdale Road (C001) about 20 miles from the Mexican border
 - ▶ 9 vehicles minimum in movement daily from FOB
 - ▶ 6 vehicles minimum in movement daily from other locations
 - ▶ FOB Bounds - 16-20 agents (rotate every 7-10 days)
 - ▶ Located on Highway 81 right on the Mexican border (Antelope Wells border crossing)
 - ▶ Highway 81 is paved
 - ▶ Deploy mainly ATV's from this location
 - ▶ Few county maintained roads are used from this location



FOB Garza on Horse Camp Dr off Cloverdale Road



Border Patrol Impact to County Roads (continued)

- ▶ 104 miles of county roads are heavily used by Border Patrol
 - ▶ 80 miles of dirt roads
 - ▶ 24 miles of chip sealed roads
- ▶ Roads are located in remote southwestern Hidalgo County
 - ▶ Cost to the county to move graders into place
- ▶ These dirt roads require more frequent maintenance
 - ▶ Normal grader maintenance is 1-2 times annually
 - ▶ Existing grader maintenance is 1-2 times monthly
- ▶ Chip sealed roads require more frequent re-chipping
 - ▶ Normal re-chipping occurs about every 7 years
 - ▶ Current re-chipping need is about every 3-4 years
 - ▶ NMDOT funding is available but requires a 25% county matching contribution

County Road Maintenance Budget and Financial Impact

- ▶ FY2016 Road Maintenance Budget: \$763,585.00
- ▶ FY2015 Road Maintenance Budget: \$1,019,528.18
- ▶ FY2014 Road Maintenance Budget: \$1,090,035.69
- ▶ FY2013 Road Maintenance Budget: \$969,723.00

- ▶ Road Fund only has 3 sources of revenue:
 - ▶ Combined Fuel Tax
 - ▶ Motor Vehicle Fees
 - ▶ Forest Reserve Distribution (Title III)

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