



NM State Lands Office

Prohibited Activities

Recreational access to State Trust Land is facilitated through a permit system determined by the specific type of use. Please keep in mind that permission is required to legally access Trust Land. Some activities are Prohibited or restricted on State Trust Land. Travel on trust land is restricted to public highways and established roads; off road activities are not permitted. The disturbance, damaging, or removal of resources is strictly prohibited.

TITLE 19 NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

CHAPTER 2 STATE TRUST LANDS

PART 19 RELATING TO RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACCESS TO STATE TRUST LANDS

19.2.19.18 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

A. Those activities that are not allowed on lands open to recreational access include, but are not limited to:

- (1) disturbing, harassing, injuring, destroying or removing wildlife, livestock, or any other animal life;
- (2) disturbing, dislodging, damaging, destroying or removing native plants, standing timber, wood products, flowers, growing crops, or any other plant life other than pinon nuts gathered non-commercially;
- (3) **disturbing, dislodging, damaging, defacing, destroying or removing historical, archaeological, paleontological or cultural sites, or artifacts;**
- (4) disturbing, dislodging, defacing, damaging or destroying any improvement, fixture, item, object, or thing placed or located in, under, or upon the land;
- (5) crossing lands not open to recreational access under this rule, without permission, to gain access to state trust lands that are open to recreational access;
- (6) conducting off-road vehicle activities;
- (7) bringing unrestrained (unleashed) animals to state trust lands;
- (8) discarding refuse, waste, or litter of any kind;
- (9) building open fires, igniting fireworks, or conducting any other activity that increases the risk of range, brush, or forest fires;
- (10) conducting any type of commercial operation;
- (11) discharging firearms, camping overnight, opening (without closing) gates;
- (12) bringing onto state trust lands or consuming thereon any type of alcoholic beverage;
- (13) violating any applicable law, statute, regulation, ordinance, or rule enacted by a governmental entity;
- (14) fishing, trapping, or hunting without a valid New Mexico license;
- (15) **mineral exploration, development, or mining, or collecting valuable rocks or minerals;**
- (16) interfering with the authorized activities of other land users; or,
- (17) entering, climbing, or accessing in any way structures, buildings, fixtures, or improvements other than fences located on state trust lands.

B. Recreational access shall not be exercised in a manner that materially interferes with other authorized uses of state trust lands or valid existing rights, such as agricultural leases or rights-of-way, or in a manner that prevents or limits the commissioner's exercise of his/her constitutional, statutory, or regulatory responsibilities.

C. The commission of a prohibited activity by one who gained access to state trust lands pursuant to a recreational access permit shall render the permit invalid, and shall constitute grounds for the commissioner to deny recreational access to, and to reject permit applications by, any person who gained recreational access pursuant to the invalid permit.