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OFFICE OF NATURAL
RESOURCES TRUSTEE

FY28 Appropriation Request



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FY28 Appropriation Request Checklist

Agency Name: Office of The Natural Resource Trustee

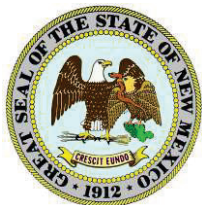
Business Unit: 66800

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☐ N/A	Board Cert	Board or Commission Budget Certification <i>Form 9900</i>
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REBECCA ROOSE
Trustee

KATE GIRARD
Executive Director

August 31, 2026

Andrew Miner
State Budget Division
Department of Finance and Administration
Bataan Memorial Building, Suite 190
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Dr. Miner:

Enclosed please find the FY28 Appropriation Request for the Office of Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT). ONRT's total appropriation request is \$6,458.30, which includes \$958.30 from the General Fund and \$5,500.0 from the Trustee Fund (\$2,000.0 from restricted restoration funds and \$3,500.0 from committed damage assessment funds). ONRT is also requesting a special appropriation of \$1,000.0 from the trustee fund to establish a new grant program for Nations, Pueblos and Tribes.

ONRT's FY28 Appropriation Request is made pursuant to NMSA 75-7-5 C ("money shall be appropriated annually by the legislature from the general fund for the purpose of providing for necessary personnel and other costs of the natural resources trustee.") and NMSA 75-7-5 B(3) (providing that, in general, "expenditures from the fund shall be made only pursuant to appropriation by the legislature.").

If you need additional information or have any questions regarding ONRT's FY28 Appropriation Request, please do not hesitate to call me at 505-487-6869.

Respectfully,

Rebecca
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Rebecca Roose,
Trustee

cc: Charles Sallee, Legislative Finance Committee
Austin Davidson, Legislative Finance Committee
Monica Tapia, DFA Budget Analyst

**APPROPRIATION REQUEST
CERTIFICATION
FORM S-1**

Agency Name: Office of Natural Resources Trustee

Business Unit: 66800

I hereby certify that the accompanying summary and detailed statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that the arithmetic accuracy of all numeric information has been verified.

**Rebecca
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Rebecca Roose, Trustee

**Miranda
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Miranda Ntoko, Chief Financial Officer

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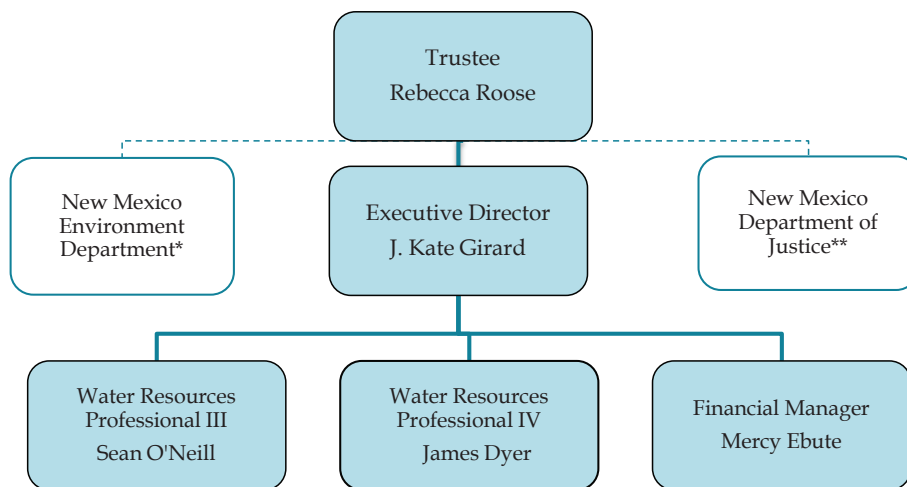
Note: Appropriation Requests for agencies headed by a board or commission must be approved by the board or commission by official action and signed by the chairperson. Operating Budgets of other agencies must be signed by the director or secretary. Appropriation Requests not properly signed will be returned.

Agency Name: Office of Natural Resources Trustee
Program Name: Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program

Business Unit: 66800
Program Code: P701

APPROPRIATION REQUEST
ORGANIZATION CHART
FORM S-2

Office of Natural Resources Trustee



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S-8 Financial Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

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		2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	Base	----- FY 2028 Agency Request ----- Expansion	Total
REVENUE								
111	General Fund Transfers	822.8	800.0	850.2	0.0	958.3	0.0	958.3
112	Other Transfers	0.0	40.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
130	Other Revenues	0.0	872.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
150	Fund Balance	9,670.0	9,670.0	9,501.4	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS		10,492.8	11,382.8	10,351.6	0	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
REVENUE		10,492.8	11,382.8	10,351.6	0	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
EXPENSE								
200	Personal services and employee benefits	930.6	759.5	785.6	843.5	877.3	0.0	877.3
300	Contractual services	9,500.0	4,862.9	9,500.0	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
400	Other	62.2	46.8	66.0	0.0	81.0	0.0	81.0
EXPENDITURES		10,492.8	5,669.1	10,351.6	843.51	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
EXPENSE		10,492.8	5,669.1	10,351.6	843.51	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
FTE POSITIONS								
810	Permanent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
FTEs		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
FTE POSITIONS		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

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S-8 Financial Summary by Fund Level

(Dollars in Thousands)

	2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	Base	----- FY 2028 Agency Request ----- Expansion	Total
REVENUE							
111 General Fund Transfers	822.8	800.0	850.2	0.0	958.3	0.0	958.3
112 Other Transfers	0.0	40.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS	822.8	840.8	850.2	0	958.3	0.0	958.3
REVENUE	822.8	840.8	850.2	0	958.3	0.0	958.3
EXPENSE							
200 Personal services and employee benefits	760.6	759.5	784.2	843.5	877.3	0.0	877.3
400 Other	62.2	46.8	66.0	0.0	81.0	0.0	81.0
EXPENDITURES	822.8	806.3	850.2	843.51	958.3	0.0	958.3
EXPENSE	822.8	806.3	850.2	843.51	958.3	0.0	958.3
FTE POSITIONS							
810 Permanent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
FTEs	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
FTE POSITIONS	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

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REVENUE							
130 Other Revenues	0.0	872.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
150 Fund Balance	9,670.0	9,670.0	9,501.4	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
REVENUE, TRANSFERS	9,670.0	10,542.0	9,501.4	0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
REVENUE	9,670.0	10,542.0	9,501.4	0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
EXPENSE							
200 Personal services and employee benefits	170.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
300 Contractual services	9,500.0	4,862.9	9,500.0	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
EXPENDITURES	9,670.0	4,862.9	9,501.4	0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
EXPENSE	9,670.0	4,862.9	9,501.4	0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0

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S-9 Account Code Revenue/Expenditure Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----		
						Base	Expansion	Total
499105	General Fd. Appropriation	822.8	800.0	850.2	0.0	958.3	0.0	958.3
111	General Fund Transfers	822.8	800.0	850.2	0.0	958.3	0.0	958.3
499905	Other Financing Sources	0.0	40.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
112	Other Transfers	0.0	40.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
441201	Interest On Investments	0.0	642.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
496901	Miscellaneous Revenue	0.0	230.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
130	Other Revenues	0.0	872.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
325900	Restricted FB - Gov	8,000.0	0.0	6,000.0	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	2,000.0
326900	Committed FB - Gov	1,670.0	0.0	3,501.4	0.0	3,500.0	0.0	3,500.0
150	Fund Balance	9,670.0	0.0	9,501.4	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
TOTAL REVENUE		10,492.8	1,712.8	10,351.6	0.0	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	309.1	122.7	140.4	188.7	140.4	0.0	140.4
520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	434.9	416.5	442.6	435.5	501.5	0.0	501.5
520700	Overtime & Other Premium Pay	0.9	3.2	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0
520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	9.3	2.7	9.3	0.0	10.5	0.0	10.5
521100	Group Insurance Premium	20.5	57.0	20.7	49.9	23.5	0.0	23.5
521200	Retirement Contributions	102.8	104.7	103.8	119.1	117.6	0.0	117.6
521300	F I C A	40.9	40.3	41.3	38.4	46.8	0.0	46.8
521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	4.3	0.0	4.3
521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7
521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	1.2	1.0	12.9	0.0	16.7	0.0	16.7
521700	RHC Act Contributions	10.7	10.9	10.9	12.4	12.3	0.0	12.3
200	Personal services and employee benef	930.6	759.5	785.6	844.0	877.3	0.0	877.3
535200	Professional Services	9,000.0	1,883.5	3,500.0	0.0	3,479.5	0.0	3,479.5
535300	Other Services	490.0	2,064.7	5,989.1	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	2,000.0
535309	Other Services - Interagency	0.0	868.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
535400	Audit Services	10.0	19.4	10.9	0.0	20.5	0.0	20.5
535999	Prior Year Expense Contractual	0.0	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
300	Contractual services	9,500.0	4,862.9	9,500.0	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	3.0	2.3	3.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.3
542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	1.6	0.3	1.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7

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S-9 Account Code Revenue/Expenditure Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		2025-26	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----		
		Opbud	Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	Base	Expansion	Total
542800	State Transp Pool Charges	7.2	9.0	9.0	0.0	10.6	0.0	10.6
543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
544000	Supply Inventory IT	5.5	14.0	4.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.7
544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	2.8	1.0	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.4
544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.8
545700	ISD Services	3.1	4.4	6.5	0.0	6.8	0.0	6.8
545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5
545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
546100	Postage & Mail Services	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546400	Rent Of Land & Buildings	24.6	1.7	20.5	0.0	29.8	0.0	29.8
546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.1	3.8	5.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.9
546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546800	Employee Training & Education	2.0	1.9	5.1	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0
546900	Advertising	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
547900	Miscellaneous Expense	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	3.0	0.9	3.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.2
549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	1.5	2.8	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6
400	Other	62.2	46.8	66.0	0.0	81.0	0.0	81.0
TOTAL EXPENSE		10,492.8	5,669.1	10,351.6	844.0	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3
810	Permanent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
810	Permanent	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS		5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	0.00	6.00

S-9 Account Code Revenue Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		Provider	2025-26	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	FY 2028 Agency Request		
		PCode	Opbud	Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	Base	Expansion	Total
499105	General Fd. Appropriation		822.8	800.0	850.2	0.0	958.3	0.0	958.3
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130	Other Revenues		0.0	872.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
325900	Restricted FB - Gov		8,000.0	0.0	6,000.0	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	2,000.0
326900	Committed FB - Gov		1,670.0	0.0	3,501.4	0.0	3,500.0	0.0	3,500.0
150	Fund Balance		9,670.0	0.0	9,501.4	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	5,500.0
TOTAL REVENUE			10,492.8	1,712.8	10,351.6	0.0	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3

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S-9 Account Code Expenditure Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		2025-26 Opbud	2025-26 Actuals	2026-27 Opbud	2027-28 PCF Proj	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----		
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520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	9.3	2.7	9.3	0.0	10.5	0.0	10.5
521100	Group Insurance Premium	20.5	57.0	20.7	49.9	23.5	0.0	23.5
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521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.0	4.3	0.0	4.3
521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.7	0.0	2.7
521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	1.2	1.0	12.9	0.0	16.7	0.0	16.7
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200	Personal services and employe	930.6	759.5	785.6	844.0	877.3	0.0	877.3
535200	Professional Services	9,000.0	1,883.5	3,500.0	0.0	3,479.5	0.0	3,479.5
535300	Other Services	490.0	2,064.7	5,989.1	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	2,000.0
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535400	Audit Services	10.0	19.4	10.9	0.0	20.5	0.0	20.5
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542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	3.0	2.3	3.0	0.0	3.3	0.0	3.3
542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	1.6	0.3	1.6	0.0	1.7	0.0	1.7
542800	State Transp Pool Charges	7.2	9.0	9.0	0.0	10.6	0.0	10.6
543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1
543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
544000	Supply Inventory IT	5.5	14.0	4.0	0.0	4.7	0.0	4.7
544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	2.8	1.0	2.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	2.4
544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	1.4	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	1.8
545700	ISD Services	3.1	4.4	6.5	0.0	6.8	0.0	6.8
545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	2.5	0.0	2.5
545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
546100	Postage & Mail Services	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546400	Rent Of Land & Buildings	24.6	1.7	20.5	0.0	29.8	0.0	29.8

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S-9 Account Code Expenditure Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		2025-26	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----		
		Opbud	Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	Base	Expansion	Total
546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.1	3.8	5.0	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.9
546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
546800	Employee Training & Education	2.0	1.9	5.1	0.0	7.0	0.0	7.0
546900	Advertising	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.5
547900	Miscellaneous Expense	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	3.0	0.9	3.0	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.2
549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	1.5	2.8	1.5	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6
400	Other	62.2	46.8	66.0	0.0	81.0	0.0	81.0
TOTAL EXPENSE		10,492.8	5,669.1	10,351.6	843.96	6,458.3	0.0	6,458.3

APPROPRIATION REQUEST

FORM S-10 FUND BALANCE PROJECTION

(In Whole Dollars)

Agency:	Office of Natural Resources Trustee	Business Unit:	66800
Fund Name:	Natural Resources Trustee Fund	Fund Number:	90000
Legal Auth.	75-7-5 NMSA		

BEGINNING BALANCE

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance (not cash balance) from SHARE NMS006GL Balance Sheet Report at close of FY26	22,934,298.32
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ADJUSTMENTS

Add:

Interfund receivables, accounts receivables, and other assets not reflected in fund balance from FCD Reports at close of FY26	0
Other (explain in detail)	0

Deduct:

Liabilities not reflected in FCD Reports at close of FY26	0
Fund balance designated by law for future expenditure (non-reverting funds)	0
Amount due to State General Fund or other fund designated by statute	0
Other (explain in detail)	0
FY26 revision not reflected in liabilities	0

Total Adjustments	0
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ADJUSTED UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE at close of FY26	22,934,298.32
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Add:

Projected revenue/sources (less fund balance budgeted) for FY27	4,200,000
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Deduct:

Projected total expenditures for FY27	(10,300,000)
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ADJUSTED UNRESERVED/UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE at close of FY27	16,834,298.32
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Add:

Projected revenue/sources (less fund balance requested) for FY28	760,000
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Deduct:

Total expenditures budgeted in appropriation request	(6,500,000)
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ADJUSTED UNRESERVED/UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE at close of FY28	11,094,298.32
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S-13 Line Items by Business Unit Expenditures
(Dollars in Thousands)

				2025-26	2026-27	Request		Recommendation			
BusUnit	Line Item			Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion	Opbud	
66800	P701-R	Office of Natural Resources Tru	521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.4	0.4	4.3	0	0	0	0.0
			521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0	2.4	2.7	0	0	0	0.0
			521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	1	12.9	16.7	0	0	0	0.0
			535400	Audit Services	19.37	10.9	20.5	0	0	0	0.0
			542800	State Transp Pool Charges	8.96	9	10.6	0	0	0	0.0
			543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.0
			545700	ISD Services	4.39	6.5	6.8	0	0	0	0.0
			545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.75	1.8	2.5	0	0	0	0.0
			546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.85	5	3.9	0	0	0	0.0
Subtotal for:	66800	P701-R	Office of Natural Resources Tru	39.73	49	68.1	0	0	0	0.0	
66800				39.73	49	68.1	0	0	0	0.0	

Totals by Line Item

			2025-26	2026-27	Request		Recommendation		
BusUnit	Line	Item	Actuals	Opbud	Base	Expansion	Base	Expansion	Opbud
66800	521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.4	0.4	4.3	0	0	0	0.0
	521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0	2.4	2.7	0	0	0	0.0
	521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	1	12.9	16.7	0	0	0	0.0
	535400	Audit Services	19.37	10.9	20.5	0	0	0	0.0
	542800	State Transp Pool Charges	8.96	9	10.6	0	0	0	0.0
	543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0	0.1	0.1	0	0	0	0.0
	545700	ISD Services	4.39	6.5	6.8	0	0	0	0.0
	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.75	1.8	2.5	0	0	0	0.0
	546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.85	5	3.9	0	0	0	0.0
	Grand Total		39.73	49	68.1	0	0	0	0.0

State of New Mexico

S-13 Line Items by Business Unit Expenditures

(Dollars in Thousands)

Budget Review System

P-1 Program Overview

Program Description:

ONRT implements the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 75-7-1 et seq. ONRT's mission is to restore to pre-release (baseline) condition any natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost due to release of oil or hazardous substances. When restoration to baseline condition is not possible, the Trustee can seek to replace or acquire the equivalent of the injured natural resources and the services they provide. ONRT works with partners and responsible parties to ensure contamination is cleaned up, resources restored, and communities compensated for natural resource injuries. ONRT is led by the Natural Resources Trustee who is appointed by the Governor. Under the Trustee's direction, ONRT investigates and prioritizes potential NRDAR cases, performs damage assessments, collaborates with Co-Trustees and state and federal agencies, and negotiates settlements. ONRT deploys settlement dollars to implement restoration projects, including projects that restore lost services.

Primary Services Provided/Beneficiaries, Current Service Levels:

ONRT assesses natural resource injuries, pursues natural resource monetary damages claims from the parties responsible for those injuries, and uses the collected damages to restore the injured natural resources and the services they provide. ONRT restoration projects are proposed and implemented by impacted communities. ONRT seeks public input into the development of restoration plans.

In FY25 and FY26, ONRT distributed approximately \$13 million dollars to local governments and project partners for restoration projects – spending that benefits shared natural resources and drives economic activity in communities impacted by pollution. In FY27, ONRT is scheduled to distribute an additional \$8.4 million dollars to projects that restore injured resources and the communities impacted by those injuries.

MAJOR ISSUES:

Natural Resource Damage Assessment cases are expensive and can take decades depending on the complexity and scope of the release and injury. The General Appropriation Act of 2025 transferred \$15 million from the consumer settlement fund “[t]o the natural resources

trustee fund to pursue emerging natural resource injury claims against responsible parties and natural resources restoration.” That fund infusion has allowed ONRT the financial stability needed to actively and aggressively pursue all of its ongoing NRD claims, and to bring claims that, without this funding, would go unresolved to the detriment of all New Mexicans who rely on and enjoy our shared resources. In FY26, ONRT assumed the role of Lead Administrative Trustee and brought additional technical expertise to all of its ongoing natural resource damage claims and assessments, and, for the Grants Mining District, initiated a plan that is already advancing resolution of decades of unchecked natural resource injuries associated with former uranium mines and mills. In FY27, ONRT continues to use the fund balance to aggressively pursue these claims to resolution and carefully evaluate new claims for damages to the State’s natural resources.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS – NATURAL RESOURCE RESTORATION PROJECTS

In FY26, ONRT completed eight Natural Resource Restoration projects.

AT&SF/Tie Treater & Chevron S. Valley Superfund Site Settlements (Albuquerque Area)

1. Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Outfall Project

Gold King Mine Settlements with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and EPA Contractors

2. Farmington Gateway Park Whitewater Wave & Irrigation Diversion Dam
3. Navajo Department of Fish & Wildlife, Nenahnezad San Juan Boat Ramp
4. Totah Subdivision Wastewater Improvements
5. San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District Irrigation Ditch Diversion Project
6. Farmington Festival and Farmers’ Market Pavilion at Gateway Park
7. NM Interstate Stream Commission San Juan River Water Lease
8. San Juan County Extension Service Office Building

In FY27, ONRT is implementing 12 Natural Resource Restoration projects.

Chevron Questa Mine Settlement

1. Questa Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Gold King Mine Settlement with Mining Defendants

2. San Juan Valley Soil Health Restoration Project

3. Tse Daa Kaan Navajo Community Agricultural Irrigation Upgrade

Gold King Mine Settlement with USEPA and EPA Contractors

4. Aztec North Main Wastewater Management Infrastructure
5. San Juan River Public Boat Ramp and Park Improvements
6. NM State Parks Division Aquatic Invasive Species Station

Freeport McMoran, Inc. (FMI) Habitat Settlement

7. New Mexico Department of Wildlife/River Ranch Restoration

Gold King Mine Settlement Funds from NM Department of Justice (NMDOJ)

8. NMSU Agricultural Water Resilience Grant Project – McKinley SWCD Livestock Water Conservation Project
9. NMSU Agricultural Water Resilience Grant Project – NMSU/San Juan 5-Farmer Irrigation Efficiency Project
10. NMSU Water Resources Research Institute (WRRI) Fruitland Irrigation Canal Proposal
11. NMSU WRRI San Juan Animas Watershed Conference
12. San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District In-River Water Diversion to Farmers Mutual Headgate

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - RESTORATION PLANNING

FMI Habitat Settlement: In 2012, ONRT and its Co-Trustee US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) reached a \$5.5 million settlement with FMI for habitat and terrestrial injuries resulting from hazardous substances released from the Chino, Cobre, and Tyrone mines in Grant County. In FY25, ONRT and USFWS reconvened as a Trustee Council to conduct restoration project planning for remaining FMI habitat funds (approximately \$650,000), currently held in a DOI trust account. In the first half of FY27, the FMI Trustee Council will finalize its resolution to use the remaining funds for additional restoration at River Ranch— a property NM Department of Wildlife acquired under the original FMI Habitat Restoration Plan. Pursuant to that forthcoming resolution, USFWS will transfer the remaining funds to ONRT to contract and manage that restoration work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS (NRDA)

In FY26, ONRT continued and accelerated 6 damage assessments:

1. **PFAS Multi-District Litigation:** Upon the USEPA's listing of PFAS/PFOA as hazardous contaminants, ONRT joined the NMDOJ and New Mexico Environment Department in the State's multi-district litigation against the US Department of Defense (DOD) for natural resource damages resulting from the DOD's use of AFFF at military installations located in New Mexico. ONRT initiated and continues to assess natural resource injuries at several of the DOD sites with confirmed PFAS releases.
2. **Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL):** ONRT is collaborating with Co-Trustees and their representatives representing the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, the Pueblo of Jemez, Santa Clara Pueblo, Pueblo de Cochiti, US Forest Service, and US Department of Energy to determine injuries caused by over 80 years of hazardous substance releases at LANL. The LANL Trustee Council (TC) formed in 2008 and is expected to continue for at least two more years.
3. **NASA White Sands Test Facility (WSTF) (Dona Ana/ Socorro Counties):** ONRT continues to pursue this NRDA claim for groundwater contamination resulting from NASA activities at WSTF, 10 miles outside of Las Cruces.
4. **Rio Algom Quivira Uranium Mines & Mills (RAML) (McKinley County):** ONRT is the lead administrative trustee and collaborates with Co-Trustees from the Navajo Nation, Acoma Pueblo and US Dept. of Interior (USDOI) to identify and quantify natural resources injuries resulting caused by contaminants released from RAML mines and mills. ONRT and its Co-Trustees are engaged with RAML in a cooperative assessment, the goal of which is to resolve all natural resource damage claims without the need for litigation.
5. **United Nuclear Corp. (UNC)-Church Rock (McKinley County):** In FY26, ONRT became the lead administrative trustee in the UNC-Church Rock NRDA and collaborates with Co-Trustees from the Navajo Nation and USDOI to identify and quantify natural resources injuries caused by contaminants released as a result of UNC-Church Rock uranium mining operations, including the devastation caused by the July 1979 tailings pond breach – the largest radioactive spill in US history.
6. **San Mateo Creek Basin/Grants Uranium Mining District NRDA Strategic Plan:** In FY26, ONRT initiated development of strategic plan to comprehensively assess, pursue and resolve all natural resource damages claims resulting from decades of uranium mining and milling operations. Development of this plan includes collaborating with impacted communities across the mining district, and with sovereign co-trustees. Development and implementation of this NRDA strategic plan are ongoing in FY27.

Base Budget Increase Justification:

ONRT's total FY28 appropriation request is \$6,458,300, which includes \$958,300 from the General Fund and \$5,500,000 from Other State Funds (Trustee Fund) (\$2,000,000 restricted restoration funds and \$3,500,000 Committed damage assessment funds).

ONRT's request for \$2,000,000 Restricted Other State Funds (Restoration Fund) is for Contractual Services with restoration project partners with new or ongoing contracts. It is essential that these funds be available so that ONRT may properly contract, encumber and (upon work completion) reimburse our project partners.

ONRT's request for \$3,500,000 Committed Other State Funds (Assessment Fund) will be used for Professional Contractual Services and is needed to fund ONRT's multiple significant and complex damage assessments.

ONRT's General Fund request includes \$107,000 base increase to cover one new FTE (program coordinator position) and associated 400 category employee expenses for equipment, fee, leased space, etc. The rest of the proposed general fund recurring increase is attributed to rising lease costs for ONRT and the new list of DoIT, GSD and other agency fees. The base increase will allow ONRT to hire a Program Coordinator – a position that will support a more balanced ONRT team, enabling specialized technical staff to focus on damage assessments and restoration projects, and will improve ONRT support for our partners, including Tribal governments, and modernize communication about ONRT's outcomes and accomplishments.

ONRT additionally requests a small base budget increase to fully fund all ONRT operational expenses with General Fund. The Natural Resources Trustee Act, NMSA 75-7-5 C, states, "money shall be appropriated annually by the legislature from the general fund for the purpose of providing for necessary personnel and other costs of the natural resources trustee."

REV EXP COMPARISON

(Dollars in Thousands)

66800 - Office of Natural Resources Trustee					
P701 - Office of Natural Resources Trustee					
	General Fund	Other Funds	Other Transfers	Federal Funds	Total
SOURCES Totals	958.3	5,500.0	0.0	0.0	6,458.3
Personal services and employee benefits	877.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	877.3
Contractual services	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	0.0	5,500
Other	81.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	81
USES Total:	958.3	5,500.0	0.0	0.0	6,458.3
Net:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Office of Natural Resources Trustee

BU PCode
66800 P701

State of New Mexico

E4 PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	FY 2028 Agency Request				Total	Justification
			Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF		
49300	520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	122.7	140.1	188.73	140.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	140.4	Trustee's salary increases
49300	520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	416.5	441.8	435.45	501.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	501.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	520700	Overtime & Other Premium Pay	3.2	0.9	0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	FY 28 request increase
49300	520800	Annl & Comp Paid At Separation	2.7	9.3	0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	521100	Group Insurance Premium	57.0	20.7	49.93	23.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	521200	Retirement Contributions	104.7	103.6	119.09	117.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	117.6	FY 28 request increase
49300	521300	F I C A	40.3	41.2	38.38	46.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	46.8	FY 28 request increase
49300	521400	Workers' Comp Assessment Fee	0.1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
49300	521410	GSD Work Comp Insur Premium	0.4	0.4	0	4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	FY 28 request increase
49300	521500	Unemployment Comp Premium	0.0	2.4	0	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.7	FY 28 request increase
49300	521600	Employee Liability Ins Premium	1.0	12.9	0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	FY 28 request increase
49300	521700	RHC Act Contributions	10.9	10.9	12.38	12.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.3	FY 28 request increase
90000	520100	Exempt Perm Positions P/T&F/T	0.0	0.3	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90000	520300	Classified Perm Positions F/T	0.0	0.8	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90000	521200	Retirement Contributions	0.0	0.2	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90000	521300	F I C A	0.0	0.1	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	200	Personal services and employee benef	759.5	785.6	843.96	877.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	877.3	
49300	542100	Employee I/S Mileage & Fares	0.4	0.5	0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	FY 28 request increase
49300	542200	Employee I/S Meals & Lodging	2.3	3.0	0	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.3	FY 28 request increase
49300	542500	Transp - Fuel & Oil	0.3	1.6	0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	FY 28 request increase
49300	542800	State Transp Pool Charges	9.0	9.0	0	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	FY 28 request increase
49300	543400	Maint - Property Insurance	0.0	0.1	0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	FY 28 request increase
49300	543830	IT HW/SW Agreements	1.0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
49300	544000	Supply Inventory IT	14.0	4.0	0	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	FY 28 request increase
49300	544100	Supplies-Office Supplies	1.0	2.0	0	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	FY 28 request increase
49300	544900	Supplies-Inventory Exempt	0.0	1.4	0	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	FY 28 request increase
49300	545700	ISD Services	4.4	6.5	0	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	FY 28 request increase
49300	545710	DOIT HCM Assessment Fees	1.8	1.8	0	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	545900	Printing & Photo Services	0.4	0.5	0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	546100	Postage & Mail Services	0.1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
49300	546400	Rent Of Land & Buildings	1.7	20.5	0	29.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.8	FY 28 request increase
49300	546610	DOIT Telecommunications	3.8	5.0	0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.9	FY 28 request increase
49300	546700	Subscriptions/Dues/License Fee	0.8	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Fund	Account		2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	FY 2028 Agency Request				Total	Justification
			Actuals	Opbud	PCF Proj	GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF		
49300	546800	Employee Training & Education	1.9	5.1	0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	FY 28 request increase
49300	546900	Advertising	0.3	0.5	0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	FY 28 request increase
49300	547900	Miscellaneous Expense	0.1	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
49300	549600	Employee O/S Mileage & Fares	0.9	3.0	0	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2	FY 28 request increase
49300	549700	Employee O/S Meals & Lodging	2.8	1.5	0	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	
	400	Other	46.8	66.0	0	81.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	81.0	
TOTAL EXPENSE			806.3	851.6		958.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	958.3	

BU PCode
66800 P701

State of New Mexico
Contract by PCode Detail
(Dollars in Thousands)

Fund	Account	#	Contract Purpose	Actuals	----- FY 2028 Agency Request -----				Total	Justification
					GF	OSF	ISF/IAT	FF		
90000	535200	Professional Services	1000	1,883.5	0.0	3,479.5	0.0	0.0	3,479.5	FY 28 Professional service request
90000	535300	Other Services	1000	2,064.7	0.0	2,000.0	0.0	0.0	2,000.0	FY 28 Other service request
90000	535309	Other Services - Interagency	1000	868.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
90000	535400	Audit Services	1000	19.4	0.0	20.5	0.0	0.0	20.5	FY 28 audit service request
90000	535999	Prior Year Expense Contractu	1000	26.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
TOTAL EXPENSE				4,862.9	0.0	5,500.0	0.0	0.0	5,500.0	

SPECIALS, SUPPLEMENTALS AND DEFICIENCIES DFA*(Prepare separate forms for each request)*

BU: 66800

Agency: Office of Natural Resources Trustee

Program:

Analyst: Mercy Ebute

Phone: (505) 699-5083

Request Type: Special (FY 28)**Rank:** 0**TOTAL SOURCES MUST EQUAL TOTAL USES**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Sources		Uses	
Revenue Account	Amount	Uses Account	Amount
General Fund Transfers	1,000.0	Contractual Services	1,000.0
Total Sources	1,000.0	Total Uses	1,000.0
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)			
Type	Amount of FTE	Request is related to a recurring expense	No
	0.00	Request is related to a capital request	No
Total FTE	0.00	Request is related to proposed legislation	No

Language requested for inclusion in General Appropriations Act (Please Follow Legislative Bill Drafting Conventions - See Instructions)

"For tribal governments to support natural resource damages and restoration activities. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall not revert and may be expended in fiscal year 2029."

Justification Quantitative Data (Description)

ONRT will measure outcomes by the number of NPT that, as a result of the grant program, (1) express interest in growing capacity for natural resource damage assessment and restoration, (2) submit successful grant applications, (3) begin to assess natural resource damages and (4) assert new natural resource damages claims.

Request: Provide a brief description of what the request does, how the dollars will be spent and explain why it is a nonrecurring need.

Nonrecurring special appropriation request of \$1 million to establish new grant program for NPT to develop Natural Resource Damage and Restoration program capacity and/or to implement NRDAR activities, such as assessments and case development. In coordination with the NM Indian Affairs Department (IAD), ONRT will operate the new grant program as a pilot, enabling real time adjustments within the scope of the appropriation to improve outcomes and providing detailed information to inform future nonrecurring funding requests or a proposal to make the program permanent through recurring appropriations.

Request: How the dollars will be spent.

All of the appropriated funds will be awarded to eligible Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (NPT) through grant agreements. ONRT anticipates awarding four to six grant awards with a maximum of \$200,000 per year per NPT. Recipient NPTs will use grant awards to develop Natural Resource Damage and Restoration program capacity and/or to implement NRDAR activities, such as assessments and case development.

Request: Explain why request is nonrecurring need.

This is a new grant program that ONRT will manage as a pilot. In future fiscal year requests, depending on the demand for and success of these grants, ONRT may make additional recurring or nonrecurring appropriation requests. The amount requested is based on discussions with IAD, ONRT staff and consultants, and some of our tribal partners. ONRT is requesting a two-year appropriation to enable the Agency to establish program procedures in consultation with Tribal leaders, launch the program, and provide a period of performance suitable to a Tribal capacity building program, which should be 18 to 24 months, minimally.

Consequences: Provide a brief description of consequences of not funding a performance and accountability task.

These cases often require specialized technical and legal expertise to pursue successfully. Few, if any, of New Mexico's NPT have sufficient internal capacity to investigate, develop and assert their existing and potential claims. If not funded, that status quo will remain and NPT will forego viable natural resource damage recoveries that would be invested into restoration activities that benefit their communities for generations.

Performance: How will agency performance be affected.

The grant program will create additional work for ONRT. The Agency's FY28 recurring budget request includes funding for one new FTE that would enable ONRT to manage the NPT grant program without pulling staff resources away from core responsibilities. The new grant program will result in the restoration of more of the State's damaged natural resources in furtherance of ONRT's mission. ONRT anticipates that ONRT and NPT will, as co-trustees, bring additional natural resource damages claims that benefit all New Mexicans.

ONRT is requesting the special appropriation from the natural resources trustee fund, not the general fund. The trustee fund has sufficient fund balance to support this pilot program with \$1 million over two years without limiting ONRT's active and future case work.

Performance: How will agency performance will be improved.

As a result of the grant program, ONRT performance and accountability measures will improve. Over time, more acre feet of injured habitat and more square feet of injured water will be restored.

Brief description of problem agency is addressing.

Most of the state's NPT do not have the capacity to develop and assert known natural resource damage claims. In fact, based on ONRT's active work in this arena over the past 30 years, many of the State's NPT are unaware of their right to assert these claims. The proposed grant program will address both of these problems and fill a funding gap. There is no comparable federal grant program and most NPT would need to bring a successful natural resource damage claim in order to have resources to pursue a new claim – a classic catch-22.

DFA Performance Based Budgeting Data System

Annual Performance Report

Agency: 66800 Office of Natural Resources Trustee

Program: P701 Office of Natural Resources Trustee

The purpose of the natural resource damage assessment and restoration program is to restore or replace natural resources injured or lost due to releases of hazardous substances or oil into the environment.

Performance Measures:		2025-26 Target	2025-26 Result	Met Target	Year End Result Narrative
Outcome	Number of acre-feet of water conserved, restored or protected	1,000	1,087	Yes	FY26 Results were met with the following projects: Sparton phreatophyte removal at RG Valley State Park (360), Rio Rancho, and Valencia Co. (145); ATSF/Tie Treater removal at Isleta Pueblo (201+196); ATSF/Tie Treater water/sewer connections in Bernalillo County (4.5); Liquid Waste Groundwater Protection on-site sewer replacements in Sandoval, Valencia and Socorro Counties (18.75); Santa Clara Well Head Protection; Hurley Sewer Line Improvements (1.52); San Vicente Creek Mill Reclamation (0.01); Silver City Blackhawk Sewer Line Extension (24.75); Santa Clara Sewer Line Replacement (0.23); Bayard Wastewater Re-Use Project (20.32); Silver City Ridge Rd. East Sewer Line Extension (110.99); City of Aztec Water Reservoir 1 Rehabilitation Project (22.1).
Outcome	Number of acres of habitat benefiting from restoration	12,800	12,958	Yes	FY26 Results were met with the following projects: Double E Ranch acquisition (5922); River Ranch acquisition (853); Ancheta Springs easement (914); City of Rocks settlement acquisition (716); Anderson Ranch settlement acquisition (225); Prevost Ranch easement (2760); SW Sufi-Bear Creek easement (1453); San Vicente Creek Mill Reclamation (1.6); Upper Burro Cienega Watershed Restoration (19.26); Mimbres River Restoration (0.31); Pitchfork Ranch/Burro Cienega Restoration (9.7); Ancheta springs restoration; City of Rocks SP Restoration; Gila River Farm Restoration (3); Upper Whiskey Creek Restoration (1.66); Headwaters Burro Cienega- Gila NF (1.64); ASARCO Blackhawk Mine Project (11); Cimarron River Restoration (3.14); Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration (3.44); Midnight Meadows Wetland Jewel (60).

P701	Office of Natural Resources Trustee					
Purpose:	The purpose of the natural resource damage assessment and restoration program is to restore or replace natural resources injured or lost due to releases of hazardous substances or oil into the environment.					
Performance Measures:		2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Actual	2026-27 Budget	2027-28 Request	2027-28 Recomm
Outcome	Number of acres of habitat benefiting from restoration	12,958	12,958	13,000	13,150	
Outcome	Number of acre-feet of water conserved, restored or protected	1,106	1,087	1,100	1,150	

OFFICE OF NATURAL RESOURCES TRUSTEE

FY28 STRATEGIC PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The New Mexico Office of the Natural Resources Trustee (ONRT) plays a crucial role in protecting the environmental and economic well-being of communities in New Mexico. Under the New Mexico Natural Resources Trustee Act (NMSA 1978, § 75-7-1 et seq.), the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and other applicable federal laws, the Trustee is legally responsible for managing and protecting natural resources on behalf of the public when those resources are impacted by pollution. This field of environmental protection is known as Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR). In compliance with the Natural Resource Trustee Act, the Governor of New Mexico appoints the Trustee. When appropriate, the Trustee works with tribal and federal co-Trustees in implementing NRDAR activities.

When New Mexico's natural resources, such as groundwater, surface water, wildlife, and terrestrial and aquatic habitats, are injured by a release of a hazardous substances, the Trustee has the responsibility to assess the harm, seek compensation from the parties responsible for the harm, and use that compensation to restore or replace the injured resources. This process ensures that communities are not deprived of access to natural resources benefits nor left to bear the costs of environmental injuries caused by others. That is particularly important for communities that depend on natural resources for their livelihoods, such as farmers and ranchers affected by groundwater pollution; anglers, rafters, and hikers affected by surface water pollution; and tourism-dependent areas affected by habitat destruction. NRDAR also leads to critical investments that increase resiliency of our water resources, watersheds and fragile ecosystems, which is more important than ever as New Mexico faces the climate change realities of more severe and prolonged droughts, destructive wildfires, and extreme heat.

ONRT follows the natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) process prescribed by federal law. That process starts with a calculation of the extent of the injury (or harm) to a natural resource, followed by the objective identification of the types of projects that can restore or replace the injured resource, and then the estimation of cost of those types of projects. To calculate appropriate compensation for a natural resource injury, ONRT determines how much funding is needed to replace a natural resource or restore it to the condition that existed prior to being impacted by hazardous substances. Once that dollar amount has been established, ONRT enters into negotiations with the responsible party to either reach a settlement or pursue litigation. After securing a damage recovery from the responsible party, ONRT works with affected communities to select and implement restoration projects. Pursuant to federal law, all funds received from NRD settlements or litigation must be used for restoration.

The Trustee ultimately ensures that the principle of "making the public whole" is upheld when hazardous substances impact natural resources. The work of ONRT protects and restores our State's natural resources for current and future generations of New Mexicans.

MISSION

The Natural Resources Trustee implements the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR) Program as prescribed by federal regulations. The mission of NRDAR is to restore to pre-release (baseline) condition any natural resources that are injured, destroyed or lost due to release of oil or hazardous substances. When restoration to baseline condition is not possible, the Trustee can seek to replace or acquire the equivalent of the injured natural resources and the services they provide. Under the direction of the Trustee, the Office of Natural Resources Trustee investigates and prioritizes NRDAR cases to maximize program effectiveness, performs natural resource damage assessments, negotiates settlements with entities responsible for the releases, and plans and oversees the implementation of natural resource restoration projects.

ONRT STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028

1. Program: Natural Resource Damage Assessments and Case Development

Goal: Diligently pursue active and potential new natural resource damage assessments, including, where appropriate, cooperative assessments with potential responsible parties or litigation.

Objective 1A: Maximize program effectiveness.

- Strategy: Ensure the Trustee Fund is sufficiently capitalized to pursue multiple long-term complex NRDAR cases simultaneously.
- Strategy: Ensure adequate funding for ONRT operations.
- Strategy: Ensure appropriate staffing levels.
- Strategy: Maintain appropriate fiscal controls and clean audit report.
- Strategy: Develop working relationships and collaborate as appropriate with other Tribal, federal and state natural resource trustees.

Objective 1B: Identify and assess natural resource injuries throughout the State.

- Strategy: Coordinate with other local, State, Tribal and federal agencies to identify and evaluate releases of hazardous substances that impact natural resources to determine if a viable natural resource damage claim exists.
- Strategy: Continuously investigate and prioritize NRDAR cases to maintain a case pipeline.
- Strategy: Identify natural resource restoration projects that will compensate for injuries to natural resources and the services they provide
- Strategy: Secure funding from entities responsible for pollution to implement natural resource restoration projects.

Strategy: Implement natural resource damage assessments with Co-Trustees and responsible parties when appropriate.

Objective 1C: Negotiate and settle natural resource damage claims.

Strategy: Negotiate and settle the State's natural resource damage claims with responsible parties for amounts that will adequately restore injured natural resources and the services they provide to New Mexico communities.

Strategy: Support Trustee Councils to advance cooperative assessments as quickly as is prudent to advance to natural resources restoration as soon as practicable without unduly compromising the success of the case or size of the recovery.

2. Program: Natural Resources Restoration

Goal: Restore injured natural resources to pre-release conditions and, if that is not possible, replace or acquire the equivalent of injured, destroyed or lost natural resources and the services they provide.

Objective 2A: Fully and effectively utilize funding from successful NRD cases to restore natural resources and the services they provide.

Strategy: Collaborate with affected communities and Co-Trustees to prepare and finalize natural resource restoration plans, including public input on proposed projects.

Strategy: Implement natural resource restoration projects in a timely manner to maximize benefits to the resources and the communities that rely on them.

Strategy: Track and address issues that arise during restoration project implementation, such as project delays, cost overruns, or grantee staffing constraints.

Strategy: Develop and implement ONRT policy for focused restoration program investment in statewide, long-term natural resources restoration projects.

Objective 2B: Integrate ONRT restoration program with other State and federal programs to fund and improve infrastructure, restore and conserve natural resources, and enhance water security.

Strategy: Leverage NRD recoveries to advance New Mexico's 50-Year Water Action Plan, where appropriate.

Strategy: Participate in cross-agency working groups and trainings to maintain functional understanding of changing landscape of New Mexico state-level infrastructure funding.

Strategy: Support beneficial land and resource conservation projects led by the federal government, other State agencies, Tribal governments and/or local public bodies.

3. Program: NRDAR Capacity Building in New Mexico

Goal: Grow and share ONRT expertise by supporting broad and lasting capacity of federal and Tribal trustees working on natural resource damage and restoration activities in New Mexico.

Objective 3A: Develop and implement new pilot grant program for Nations, Pueblos and Tribes (NPT) to develop NRDAR program capacity and/or to implement NRDAR activities, such as assessments and case development. *(Contingent on requested new nonrecurring appropriation for FY28-29.)*

- Strategy: Develop grant program policy and procedures, in coordination with New Mexico Indian Affairs Department and Tribal leaders or their designees.
- Strategy: Administer grant application, award, management and oversight process.
- Strategy: Measure and report pilot grant program results, including recommendations for continuation and/or expansion.

Objective 3B: Enhance ONRT website and grow NRDAR capacity across New Mexico by creating and maintaining a NRDAR online resource hub. *(Contingent on requested recurring appropriation increase for FY28.)*

- Strategy: Develop NRDAR 101 training modules and post recordings.
- Strategy: Develop compendium of NRDAR best practices and lessons learned.
- Strategy: Create and maintain a GIS StoryMap with NRDAR success stories.

Performance Measures and FY28 Targets:

Outcome – Number of acres of habitat benefitting from restoration. (13,150 acres)

Outcome – Number of acre-feet of water conserved, restored or protected. (1,150 acre-feet)

During FY27, ONRT will develop new performance measures for assessment and case development work to be adopted for FY28.

Summary

Collectively, ONRT meets the directive of Federal and State laws by successfully securing natural resource damage recoveries after releases of hazardous substances and then restoring, replacing and/or acquiring the equivalent natural resources and the services they provide within the State of New Mexico. To achieve its mission and fulfill the goals above, ONRT relies on a) prudent fiscal management; b) strong legal and technical expert support through ONRT staff, NM Department of Justice and contractors; c) effective collaboration with State natural resource agencies and the Indian Affairs Department; and d) positive relationships with Tribal leaders, Federal agency trustees and other parties involved in natural resource damage assessments and restoration activities.

**FY26 APPROPRIATION REQUEST
FORM E-6B LEASED PASSENGER-RELATED VEHICLES**

Account code 542800

LEASED VEHICLE INFORMATION @ 7/1/26

Agency Name: Office of Natural Resource Trustee

Business Unit: 66800

Program Name: Office of Natural Resource Trustee -ONRT

Program Code: P701

Item No.	LONG TERM LEASES ONLY							Long Term Only			SHORT TERM ONLY			Put (x) if Fed \$
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** Code A = additional leased vehicle request C = vehicle currently leased R = request to replace previously purchased vehicle

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