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To: Mike Brogdon <MikeB@klhouse.com>
Subject: Point of Correction

Hey Mike,

Just a point of clarification on the letter you sent out. Funding for hazardous fuel reduction and defensible space is funneled from the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service in what is titled “Community Wildfire Defense Grant”, down to the individual states. **New Mexico Forestry Division** is responsible for the implementation of these funds through a fiscal agent, Upper Chama SWCD.

So that folks are aware of the difference: The U.S. Forest Service is responsible for maintaining the National Forest System Lands across the nation, whereas New Mexico Forestry Division is responsible for and has jurisdiction on all Non-Federal, Non-Tribal, Non-Municipal lands within the state of NM... This means we have statutory oversight on all State Trust Lands, NM State Parks, NM State Wildlife Management Areas, and most of all, Private land for the purpose of wildfire suppression. We also have regulatory authority over Commercial Timber Harvesting, and oversight of fuel mitigation projects on private lands. Many times, folks confuse us with the “Forest Service”, where we are a state government agency, and we help private landowners with their forest resources.

Semantics, I know, but perception is important especially in the light of our state’s recent fire history.

 The logo for the New Mexico Forestry Division is circular with a green border. Inside the circle, the words "NEW MEXICO" are at the top and "FORESTRY DIVISION" are at the bottom. In the center, there is a stylized green tree with yellow sun rays emanating from behind it.	<p>Jose “Joe” Carrillo Chama District Forester New Mexico Forestry Division</p> <p>Phone: (575) 588-7831 Email: jose.carrillo@emnrd.nm.gov Website: https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/sfd/ Physical: 17013b U.S. Hwy. 64-84, Tierra Amarilla, NM 87575 Mailing: HC 75 Box 100, Chama NM 87520</p>
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