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RE: Forest Health Initiative reimbursements

To all landowners approved to participate in the New Mexico Forest Health Initiative (FHI) Program,

Thank you for your participation in this program offered by the New Mexico Forestry Division (Division). We are writing to let you know that as of July 1, 2026, the Division will not have an active contract with a fiscal agent and will be unable to reimburse landowners for any approved cost-share stewardship practices until a new contract is in place. The Division will work with the Forest Stewards Guild (FSG) to process all payments for work that occurred up to June 30, 2026. We advise you to stop work on ongoing projects until a new contract is in place, as any work that occurs between July 1 and the date a new contract is in place will not be reimbursable or eligible for program match. We apologize for the inconvenience and late notice, as well as any issues that may arise as a result of this delay.

The Division will work to execute a new Fiscal Agent contract as soon as possible and you will be notified when reimbursable work can resume. The Division has successfully partnered with the Forest Stewards Guild as the fiscal agent for this program for 20 years and we acknowledge their dedication to FHI and desire to remedy these unexpected programmatic interruptions as soon as possible.

We appreciate your forest stewardship and look forward to continuing to partner together to support the health and ecological function of forested lands in New Mexico.