

Commissioner of Public Lands  
Stephanie Garcia Richard  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit to Collect and Remove Up to 20 Gallons of Farolito Sand  
from Designated New Mexico State Trust Land**

**LEGAL OWNER**

New Mexico State Land Office  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1148  
505/827-5851

**PERMITTEE**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Collection area (select one):** Albuquerque \_\_\_ Bloomfield \_\_\_ Carlsbad \_\_\_ Las Cruces \_\_\_ Santa Fe \_\_\_ Silver City \_\_\_ Socorro \_\_\_

I, the above named, with this permit, received permission from the New Mexico State Land Office to remove up to 20 gallons (or 2.5 cubic feet) of sand for the purpose of filling farolito (also known as luminaria) bags. The sand may only be used for personal use. Selling or generating a profit from the sand is not permitted and may result in criminal trespass charges. In receipt of this permit, I acknowledge and agree, by signature, to abide by the following conditions:

- **Prepayment of \$5.00 for permit. Limit of 20 gallons (or 2.5 cubic feet) of sand per permit.**
- **No sand collection may occur after December 25, 2024.**
- **Be aware of weather conditions and avoid arroyos when potential flooding conditions exist.**
- **Only collect sand from the area selected above from the State Trust Land designated for this purpose and shown on New Mexico State Land Office's website ([www.nmstateland.org](http://www.nmstateland.org)). Collect from within arroyo only.**
- **Respect private land.**

I shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Commissioner of Public Lands, and her agents, employees, successors, lessees, and any private land owner providing access to the site, and assigns from and against any liability of any kind arising out of or related to any act or omission committed by me or any agent, invitee or representative of mine, under or in connection with this permit. I understand that THE PERMIT AREA MAY BE REMOTE AND, IN EITHER GOOD OR INCLEMENT WEATHER, MAY CONTAIN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, AND THAT REMOVING SAND FROM THE PERMIT AREA COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH. I understand, and I will inform anyone accompanying me that the State Land Office has not made any investigation as to whether the Permit Area has any hazardous conditions or whether gathering sand from the Permit Area will pose any risk of injury or death, and that it I (AND ANYONE ACCOMPANYING ME) WILL DO SO AT MY (OR THEIR) OWN RISK. Under no circumstances shall the Commissioner of Public Lands be responsible for injuries or damage to me, my property, or other persons and their property resulting from or in connection with my entry upon and use of State Trust Land for the purpose of this permit. I HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND WAIVE ANY CLAIMS THAT I, MY HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AGENTS OR SUCCESSORS MAY NOW OR IN THE FUTURE HAVE AGAINST THE NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE OR THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO MY ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PERMIT.

**Permittee Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 12/ /2025

**NMSLO Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 12/ /2025

(CUT ALONG THIS LINE – PERMITTEE RETAIN BOTTOM AS EVIDENCE OF PERMIT)

**Permit to Cut and Remove sand from New Mexico State Trust Land**

1. This Permit is valid from issue date thru December 25, 2025.
2. This Permit authorizes you to collect and/ remove up to 20 gallons (or 2.5 cu. ft.) of sand for filling farolito bags.
3. You must have this permit in your possession at all times while on State Trust Land and when transporting sand removed from State Trust Land (permit is non-transferable).
4. Be aware of weather conditions and avoid arroyos when potential flooding conditions exist.
5. Sand collection shall only occur within arroyo areas of State Trust Land designated for this purpose and shown on New Mexico State Land Office website.
6. Park in area indicated on attached map. No driving off-road.
7. All litter shall be removed. Fires are not permitted.
8. Respect private land.

Permit #:

NMSLO  
Signature:

**Permittee  
Signature:**

**Date:** 12/ /2025

Date	12/ /2025
Sand	___ gallons

Upon signature by an authorized New Mexico State Land Office representative, this stub serves as evidence of a valid permit issued to gather up to 20 gallons (or 2.5 cu. ft.) of sand from State Trust Land. Date and complete the box when sand is removed from State Trust Land.



## **New Mexico State Land Office 2025 Farolito Sand Permit Application**

### **Instructions:**

- Permit is for gathering and removing up to 20 gallons (or 2.5 cu. ft.) of sand for farolitos from one of the areas selected from those listed on the permit (and described in more detail on maps on NM State Land Office website. All terms on the attached permit must be followed.
- Complete the highlighted portions of the attached permit form and return to the following address with cash or check for \$5.00. You can mail it to the address below or drop it off in-person using the drop box located to the left of the building's main entrance.

New Mexico State Land Office  
Attn.: Accounting  
310 Old Santa Fe Trail  
P.O. Box 1148  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1148

- Checks should be made payable to the New Mexico State Land Office.
- Please write "Farolito sand permit" in the memo section of your check.
- You can also email a completed application to Gerald Garner at [ggarner@nmslo.gov](mailto:ggarner@nmslo.gov), but you will still need to get your payment to the State Land Office before your permit application can be processed.
- The completed permit form and payment must be received no later than 5:00pm Wednesday, December 17, 2025.
- Permits may take up to 5 business days to process. If you provide an email address, we can return your signed permit more quickly via email.
- Questions? Please call Gerald Garner at 505-827-5729.

## **Directions for Holiday Sand Permit Locations**

- **Ira Specter Rd. (ABQ) Sand Location:**

From I-25 and Rio Bravo head west on Rio Bravo for approximately 0.5 miles to Broadway Blvd SE. Turn South on Broadway Blvd SE and travel approximately 1.8 miles to Bobby Foster Rd. Turn east on Bobby Foster Rd and travel approximately 0.5 miles to Los Picaros Rd SE. Turn north on Los Picaros Rd SE and travel approximately 2.3 miles to Ira Sprecker Rd SE. Turn north on Ira Sprecker RD SE and travel approximately 0.5 miles to Police Farm Rd SE. Turn east on Police Farm Rd SE and travel approximately 0.2 miles to subject property. Sand collection area is upstream (north) from suggested parking area on map.

*GPS location: Lat 35° 1'17.88"N; Long 106°36'25.29"W*

- **County Rd. 5500 (Bloomfield) Sand Location:**

From Bloomfield, take Hwy 550 south 3.0 miles to San Juan County Rd 5500 and turn right (west). Travel west on CR 5500 for 1.6 miles where a sandy arroyo crosses under the road. A dirt road on the south east side of the CR 5500 arroyo crossing has trails lead down a gentle embankment into the arroyo. Sand collection area is only upstream (south) of CR-5500 and west of the suggested parking area on the map.

*GPS location: Lat 36° 40' 41.9"N; Long 108°, 01' 01" W*

- **County Rd. 62/NM 599 (Santa Fe) Sand Location:**

From the intersection of the NM HWY 599 frontage road and Santa Fe County Rd 62, head northwest on CR62 for 0.6 miles to the site, where a large arroyos crosses the road. The sand collection area is only upstream (northwest) from CR62.

*GPS location: Lat 35°39'56.02"N; Long 106° 2'37.74"W*

- **Sonoma Ranch Road (Las Cruces) Sand Location:**

From the interchange of University Ave & I-25 in Las Cruces: Head east on University Ave for 0.2 miles to Las Alturas Dr. Turn south (right) on Las Alturas Dr. and continue traveling south for 1.9 miles to Tellbrook Rd. Turn east (left) on Tellbrook Rd. and travel for 1.9 miles to Sonoma Ranch Road. Turn south (right) onto Sonoma Ranch Road and travel south for 0.7 miles to the site. There are 2 sand collection areas here. Both upstream (west/northwest) of where Sonoma Ranch Rd. crosses two large arroyos/washes.

*GPS Location: Lat 32°15'43.82"N, Long 106°41'50.88"W*

- **Socorro District Sand Location:**

Travel west on U.S. Highway 60 from Socorro approximately 6 miles. Turn south off U. S Highway 60 west of mile marker 133 and travel approximately 1.75 miles south to the sand collection location. Parking area is on the east side of the road. Sand collection area is upstream (south-southwest) of the road and suggested parking area.

*GPS Location: Lat 33°58'58.99"N; Long 106°57'58.09"W*