

NOTICE OF COMMENTS RECEIVED ON REVIEW OF ELIGIBLE AREA MAPS FOR USDA RURAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

USDA Rural Development has received and reviewed comments on areas being reviewed for continued eligibility under the USDA Rural Housing programs. During the review, all comments were considered.

Below is a summary of the comments received for the rural area review in the state of New Mexico.

New Mexico

- 1) Chaparral, NM
 - a. Received 1 comment indicating that the area lacks mortgage credit
 - b. Received 1 comment emphasizing that the area is a colonias
- 2) Sunland Park, NM
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Based on the review of the areas within the state of New Mexico, using the 2015 American Community Survey data, comments received, and rural area guidance located in Handbook [HB-1-3550, Chapter 5](#), the rural eligibility designation is proposed to change for the following areas:

- 1) Carlsbad, NM – Boundary Changes
- 2) Clovis, NM – Boundary Changes
- 3) Farmington, NM – Boundary Changes
- 4) Hobbs, NM – Boundary Changes
- 5) Las Cruces, NM – Boundary Changes
- 6) Santa Fe, NM – Boundary Changes
- 7) Rio Rancho, NM – Boundary Changes

Areas that will now be considered as no longer being rural or rural in character can be viewed at <https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do> by clicking on either "Single Family Housing Guaranteed", "Single Family Housing Direct" or Multi-Family Housing" and then selecting "Proposed Ineligible Areas" tab.

The proposed changes will become effective on June 4, 2018. For details, or questions about specific changes, please contact the New Mexico State Office Rural Development Housing Program Staff at (505) 761-4941.

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