Instructions for BLM Map Online Resources
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<u>Online, Interactive Map of New Mexico</u>

Steps to access the map:

1. Go to blm.gov.
2. Scroll down to the Info Center gold block, and click.
3. Click on Public Room.
4. Scroll down and click on New Mexico.
5. Click on BLM New Mexico Public Webmap.
6. Zoom into your area of interest.

Nice Features:

- You can identify the block numbers for 1 mile square blocks of land. This is useful for comparing your track on a map that also has the block numbers, such as National Geographic Topo (no longer sold) or the USGS Topo (ArcGIS) background in GPS Visualizer.

Drawbacks:

- The topo lines are very faint.
- Generally, the BLM maps designed for use with CarryMap are much better.
- The divisions are by county, not GMU.
- The color scheme for the different land owners isn't shown (or isn't easy to find). You'll have to compare with one of the paper BLM Surface Management Status maps.
- Open Spaces aren't shown/labeled as they are on the paper maps

<u>CarryMap Application and Downloadable BLM Full State or Quadrant Interactive Maps</u>

You may choose to download the CarryMap application for a mobile device or for your desktop (at least for Windows).

Steps to access the BLM downloadable maps:

1. Go to blm.gov.
2. Scroll down to the Info Center gold block, and click.
3. Click on Public Room.
4. Scroll down and click on New Mexico.
5. Click on Hunting Unit Maps.

Read the general information and information specific to your device. Instructions are provided for mobile devices and for Windows PCs.

You can choose to download the full map of New Mexico, or one or more quadrants of the state. Note the tip to download the BLM map first to your computer, then to a mobile device.

For the Windows desktop version:

Drawbacks:

- The color scheme for the different land owners isn't shown (or isn't easy to find). You'll have to compare with one of the paper BLM Surface Management Status maps.
- Open Spaces aren't shown/labeled as they are on the paper maps.
- While block boundaries are shown, the blocks aren't labeled with their numbers as they are for the interactive map on the BLM website.

Nice features:

- Mile Markers are shown for highways if you zoom in far enough.
- Map files are updated every May 1 so your information is at most one year old.
- You can zoom in far enough to get street names.
- The GMU boundaries are shown in pale blue with the areas labeled (easier to see if you turn off the state data and zoom out).

If you install the CarryMap app and BLM map on a mobile device that has GPS capabilities (most smart phones do), you are supposed to be able to record a track, mark waypoints, etc. on a layer created over the downloaded map.