



Establishment of Controlled Access Areas  
New Mexico State University - Las Cruces  
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## **Background**

The operation of motorized vehicles (electric or combustion engine) in a university setting is always a challenge between providing adequate access to enable the operational needs of the campus to be met versus the pedestrian nature and desired feel of a campus setting. If the rules established are too restrictive then day to day operations of a campus are harmed. If no restrictions are in place then vehicles are daily operated in manner that is not in the best overall interest of the institution.

## **Legal Basis of Controlled Access**

State law establishes the ability for local jurisdictions to place restrictions on the operation of motorized vehicles on controlled access areas. The enforcement of these restrictions, once established, falls to the police department. Violations of these controlled access restrictions will be cited in accordance with state law.

## **Need for Controlled Access**

Operation of motorized vehicles on sidewalks is a direct conflict with their primary intended use for pedestrian traffic. Furthermore it damages the sidewalks resulting in increased cost to maintain this infrastructure in a reasonable condition. Operation of motorized vehicles on turf areas damages turf and trees, thereby harming the investment made in the establishment and maintenance of our landscaped areas of the campus.

## **Establishment of Controlled Access Areas**

Effective January 1, 2008 sidewalks, pedestrian malls and turf areas on the NMSU Las Cruces campus are designated as Controlled Access areas (map in appendix, page 3 & 4).

## **Restrictions on Access to Controlled Access Areas**

Motorized vehicle access is prohibited from all controlled access areas unless specifically allowed under Valid Reasons for Access. Parking a motor vehicle on turf areas within the drip line of a tree is prohibited.

## **Valid Reasons for Access**

There are valid reasons for operating motorized vehicles within controlled access areas:

- Motorized wheelchairs, personal assistive mobility devices (Segway Human Transporters), or other motorized equipment used to provide disabled access.
- Response to emergencies  
*Emergencies include any action to protect human life; well being and to prevent potential damage to property or to respond to utility outages*

- Deliveries to or transport from specified buildings otherwise inaccessible  
*It is recognized that several facilities have no delivery access without travel through a controlled access area. These buildings will be designated as in the following list and will have defined access routes and access parking zones established and included as appendix to this rule (pages 3 & 4).*

*Aggie Memorial Stadium  
Academic Research C  
Branson Library  
Chamisa Village  
Computer Center  
Engineering Complex I*

*Foreman Hall  
Guthrie Hall  
Hadley Hall  
Health & Social Services  
Jett Hall*

- Defined project specific access  
*Certain activities such as movement of heavy loads, athletic events, special events, projects involving the remodel or construction of campus facilities and infrastructure require, by their very nature, limited entry to controlled access areas of the campus. This access route will be established by the Project Manager as best possible and signed accordingly during the course of the event/project life. (Call NMSU Parking 646-1839 to arrange.)*

### **Use of Turf Vehicles**

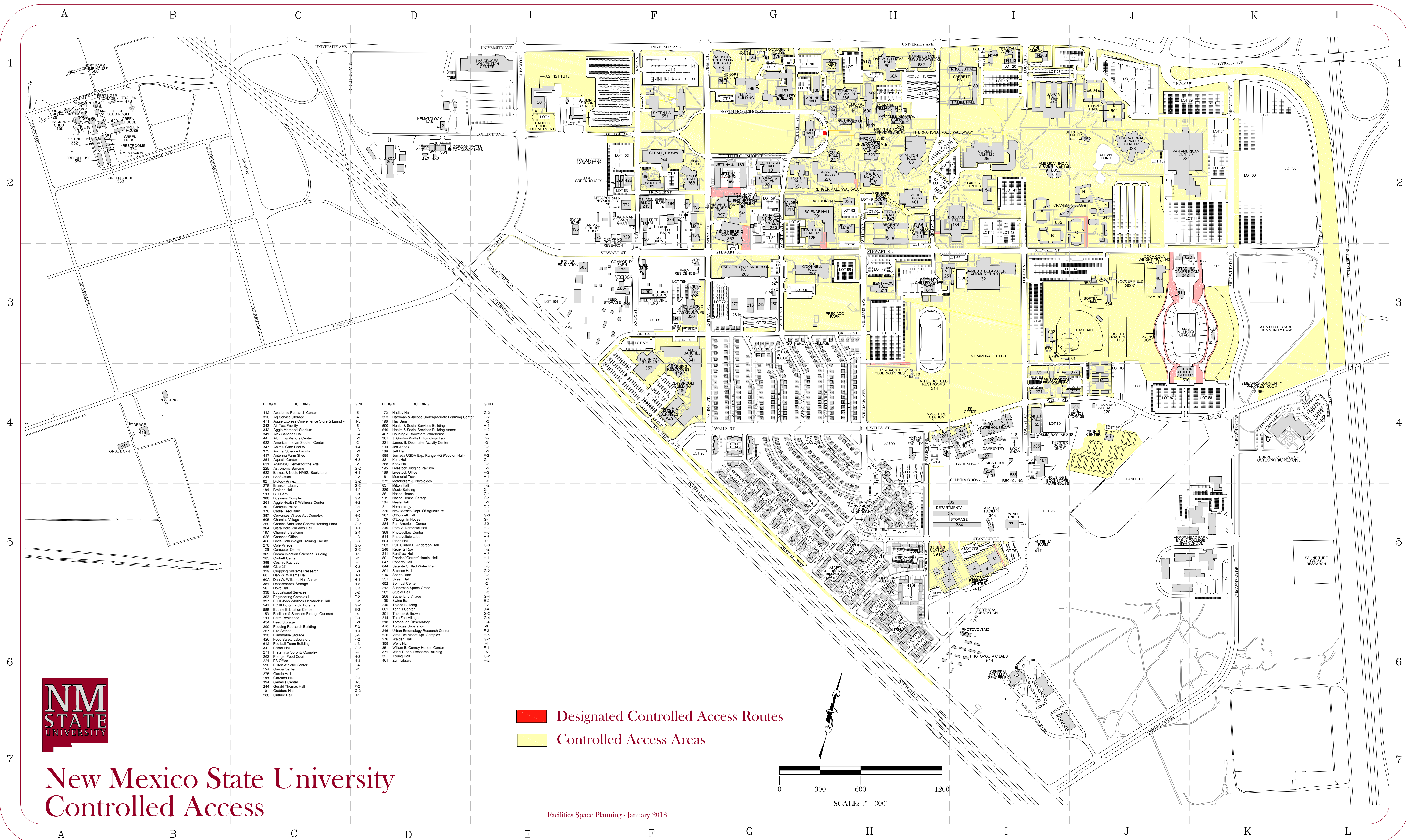
Maintenance of the campus turf areas requires access by specialized turf vehicles. Nothing in this rule is intended to restrict access to turf areas by these vehicles.

### **Operation of Golf Cart / Low Speed Vehicles**

Golf carts are allowed on controlled access areas, parking lots and roadways under the following conditions. Any person who accepts the privilege of operating a golf cart or service vehicle on University premises must have safety training, skill and a EH&S issued permit (as of March 1, 2008) to operate the vehicle safely and shall be fully accountable for their actions and the consequences thereof. Golf carts and service vehicles must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of pedestrians walking, jogging, inline skating, skate boarding, bicycling or those in wheelchairs or mobility assistance devices. Pedestrians must be afforded the right-of-way at all times. Deans, Directors, Department Heads and Supervisors must assure that each golf cart/service vehicle within their department complies with safe operation and maintenance of safety features. Police shall impound, if necessary, golf cart/service vehicles deemed to be driven carelessly or placing driver, passenger or pedestrians at risk of injury. Low speed service vehicles operated on roadways must be operated in a manner consistent with all applicable motor vehicle statutes, NMSU vehicle use procedures including driver having a NMSU permit to operate, and have working safety equipment (brakes, headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals, horn, rear view mirror, and slow moving vehicle emblem). (Details on the procedure are listed under policies on the safety website <http://safety.nsmu.edu>)

### **Non-emergency Access by Police, Fire and Shuttle Vehicles**

Access rights are given to Police and Fire response vehicles for training activities and patrol activities when access will increase the safety of campus population and its real property assets. Limited access on approved routes is granted to vehicles providing shuttle service to the NMSU campus.

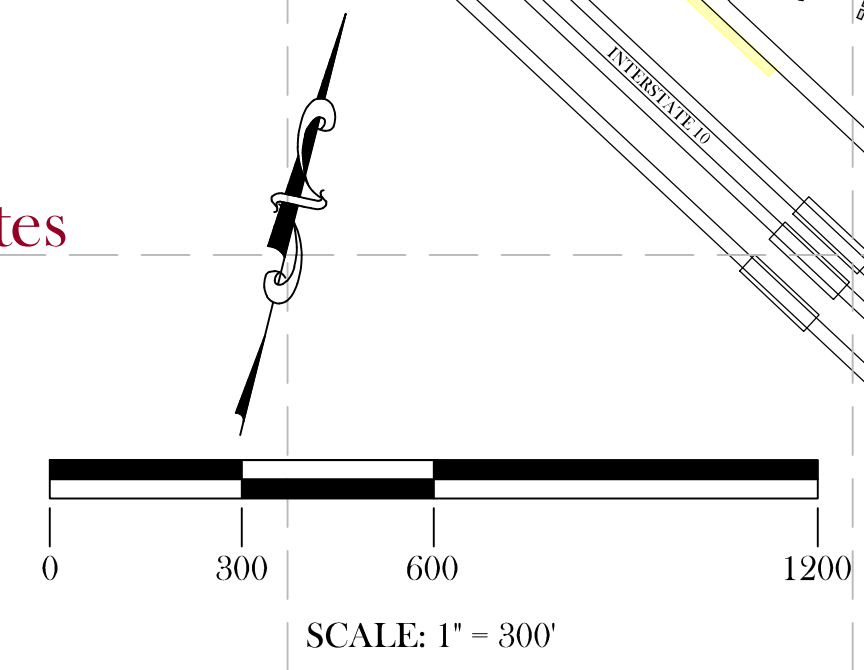


BLDG #	BUILDING	GRID	BLDG #	BUILDING	GRID
412	Academic Research Center	I-5	172	Hadley Hall	G-2
316	Ag Service Storage	I-4	323	Hardman & Jacobs Undergraduate Learning Center	H-2
471	Ag Express Convenience Store & Laundry	H-5	198	Hwy Barn	F-3
343	Air Test Facility	I-5	590	Health & Social Services Building	H-1
342	Aggie Memorial Stadium	I-3	619	Health & Social Services Building Annex	H-2
341	Alex Sanchez Hall	F-4	467	Housing & Bookstore Warehouse	I-4
441	Alumni & Visitors Center	F-2	361	J. Gordon Watts Entomology Lab	D-2
633	American Indian Student Center	I-2	321	James B. Delamater Activity Center	I-3
347	Animal Care Facility	H-4	390	Jet Annex	F-2
441	Antenna Science Facility	E-3	188	Joel Hall	F-2
417	Antenna Farm Shed	I-5	585	Jonada USDA Exp. Range HQ (Wootton Hall)	F-2
251	Aquatic Center	H-3	33	Kord Hall	G-1
631	ASHMSU Center for the Arts	F-1	368	Knox Hall	F-2
225	Astronomy Building	G-2	195	Livestock Judging Pavilion	H-1
632	Barnes & Noble NMSU Bookstore	H-1	166	Livestock Office	F-3
241	Beet Office	F-2	151	Memorial Tower	H-1
278	Branson Library	G-2	83	Milton Hall	H-2
184	Brand Hall	H-2	389	Music Building	G-1
193	Bull Barn	F-3	36	Nason House	G-1
386	Business Complex	G-1	191	Nason House Garage	G-1
261	Aggie Health & Wellness Center	H-2	164	Neale Hall	F-2
376	Cattle Feed Barn	F-2	2	Nematology	D-2
387	Cervantes Village Apts Complex	H-5	330	New Mexico Dept. Of Agriculture	D-1
605	Chemise Village	I-2	287	O'Donnell Hall	G-3
269	Charles Stockland Central Heating Plant	G-2	178	O'Leary House	G-1
364	Chia Belle Williams Hall	H-1	294	Pan American Center	J-2
187	Chemistry Building	G-1	249	Pan V. Domenech Hall	H-2
638	Coaches Office	J-3	369	Photovoltaic Center	H-6
468	Coca Cola Weight Training Facility	J-3	514	Photovoltaic Labs	H-6
270	Cow Village	G-8	604	Pinon Hall	J-1
129	Computer Center	G-2	263	PSL Center P. Anderson Hall	G-3
365	Communication Sciences Building	H-2	211	Rendrow Hall	H-3
385	Connet Center	G-2	80	Rhodes Garrett Hamiel Hall	H-1
398	Cosmic Ray Lab	I-4	647	Roberts Hall	H-2
655	Cub 27	H-3	644	Sawdust Chilled Water Plant	H-3
329	Cropping Systems Research	F-3	391	Science Hall	G-2
60	Dan W. Williams Hall	H-1	194	Sheep Barn	F-2
60A	Dan W. Williams Hall Annex	H-1	551	Skeen Hall	F-1
381	Departmental Storage	H-5	652	Spiritual Center	I-3
56	Down Hall	G-1	212	Supeman Space Grant	F-2
338	Educational Services	J-2	282	Stucky Hall	H-3
363	Engineering Complex I	F-2	296	Sutherland Village	G-4
397	EC II John Whitlock Hernandez Hall	F-2	196	Swine Barn	E-2
541	EC III Ed & Harold Foreman	G-2	245	Tajada Building	F-2
588	Equine Education Center	E-3	601	Tennis Center	J-4
153	Facilities & Services Storage Quonset	H-4	301	Thomas & Brown	G-2
199	Farm Residence	F-3	214	Tom Fort Village	H-4
434	Feed Storage	F-3	318	Tombough Observatory	G-4
290	Feeding Research Building	F-3	470	Tombough Station	H-5
267	Fire Station	H-4	246	Urban Entomology Research Center	F-2
330	Flammable Storage	J-4	528	Visa Del Monte Apts. Complex	H-5
426	Food Safety Laboratory	F-2	278	Walken Hall	G-2
612	Football Team Building	J-3	355	Wells Hall	H-4
34	Foster Hall	G-2	35	William B. Conroy Honors Center	F-1
271	Fraternity Sorority Complex	I-4	371	Wind Tunnel Research Building	I-5
14	Fringer Food Court	H-2	32	Young Hall	G-2
221	FS Office	H-4	461	Zuhli Library	H-2
586	Fulton Athletic Center	J-4			
154	Garcia Center	I-2			
275	Garcia Hall	H-1			
188	Gardner Hall	H-5			
394	Genevieve Center	H-1			
244	Gerald Thomas Hall	F-2			
10	Goldard Hall	G-2			
288	Guthrie Hall	H-2			



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■ Designated Controlled Access Routes  
 Controlled Access Areas



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