This 2014 historic bridge update presents the historic bridge methodology now used for evaluating significant historic bridge types in the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) system. SWCA Environmental Consultants was tasked to update the past NMDOT historic bridge guidelines and methodology, and to complete this latest NMDOT Cultural Resources Technical Series guideline. It incorporates the most recent efforts and comments from both federal agencies and past users of the NMDOT guidelines. This report includes a combination of two past surveys, as well as a recent program comment from the Federal Highway Administration and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation on post-1945 bridge types. In all, this has led to a need to reassess past efforts and update the NMDOT historic bridge methodology to include refinements on how to assess materials, technology, and standardization of bridge types.

An additional 17 bridges were inventoried during 2014 to assess a sample of those that have become historic since the previous survey. They have been evaluated using the new methodology introduced within this report. The new methodology, created to take into account more recent materials and bridge types, takes precedence over any previous methodology presented and should be used to evaluate historic bridges from this date forward. None of the bridges evaluated in 2014 is recommended eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.