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500.1 General
The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has developed resources related to right-of-way for use by both NMDOT staff and consultants on NMDOT projects. Links to these references and a brief description of their contents are provided below.

500.2 References
The NMDOT Right-of-Way Mapping Development Procedures describe NMDOT’s right-of-way mapping procedures.

The NMDOT Right-of-Way Handbook presents the legal authority, administrative procedures, and documentation requirements governing the functions of NMDOT’s Right-of-Way Bureau. The NMDOT Right-of-Way Handbook meets the requirements of 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 710.201 and is approved by the Office of the General Counsel and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in accordance with established NMDOT procedures and federal regulations. It is also in compliance with 49 CFR Part 24, as it pertains to right-of-way. Additional resources related to right-of-way are available here.

The Handbook contains these ten volumes:

- Volume I Preliminary Right-of-Way Studies
- Volume II Lands Abstracting
- Volume III Appraisal
- Volume IV Acquisition
• Volume V  Relocation Assistance
• Volume VI  Programs and Infrastructure Property Asset Management
• Volume VII  Tribal/Local Government Agency
• Volume VIII  Budget and Audit
• Volume IX  Office Procedures
• Volume X  Water Acquisition