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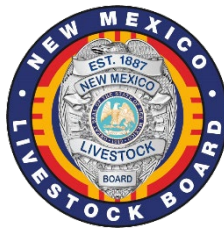
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EMERGENCY ANIMAL HEALTH DECLARATION

The New World screwworm (NWS), also known as *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, is a parasitic fly primarily found in South America, Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic.

The NWS larvae infest and feed on the living tissue of warm-blooded animals, including livestock and wildlife, which can cause serious and deadly damage to an animal.

A positive case of NWS has been identified within the boundaries of Lea County, New Mexico.

The NWS has been declared by the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB) to be a significant economic impact to the Livestock Industry.

Prompt action is necessary to suppress and control the spread of the NWS. Pursuant to the authority vested in the NMLB by 77-3-9 NMSA 1978, the NMLB will work with the USDA and other State Agencies on a response plan.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the NMLB under Section 77-3-1 NMSA 1978, the NMLB will participate in a coordinated response plan to prevent, suppress, control, and eradicate NWS in livestock and other warm-blooded animals, as the pest creates a significant economic impact to New Mexico's livestock industry.

This declaration is based upon the following findings:

1. The presence of a positive NWS within the affected area presents an imminent threat to the livestock industry.
2. Immediate action is necessary to prevent further spread of the NWS.
3. Additional resources, personnel, equipment, and emergency powers may be required to suppress, control, and eradicate NWS.

Under this declaration, the following emergency measures are authorized:

- Activation of emergency response plans and coordination centers.

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- Implementation of insect control and abatement operations.
- Animal and Public health advisories and community notification efforts.
- Emergency procurement of supplies, equipment, and services.
- NMLB and emergency management personnel are authorized to conduct insect surveillance, control, and eradication operations within affected areas.
- Requests for mutual aid and assistance from neighboring jurisdictions and governmental agencies.
- Any additional actions necessary to protect animal and public health and safety as permitted by law.
- Violations of Chapter 77 NMSA 1978 may be subject to enforcement actions as authorized by law.



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