

**McKINLEY COUNTY
MISSION STATEMENT**

McKinley County is committed to effective, efficient and responsible public policy, excellent public service, courteous public contact, sensitivity to cultural beliefs and to preserving their heritage, providing quality services as required by law or mandated by the public, to enhancing the health, safety and general well-being of the citizens of McKinley County and conducting county operations in a legal, ethical and fair manner.

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Road Maintenance



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McKinley County Roads

The McKinley Road Department maintains 570 miles of road in this county of 5,461 square miles, the largest county in New Mexico. Of the 570 miles of road maintained by the county, only 202 miles have right-of-way clearances, which can take up to eight years to obtain. Deeds of easement can require archeological studies and almost always involve a variety of agencies in the checkerboard area of multiple jurisdictions, including private, federal, Bureau of Land Management, forest, and Indian allotment land. Each agency has a different clearance process.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can you blade my road?

A: There are many roads within McKinley County, but not all of them are maintained by the County, some are maintained by the State of New Mexico, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Subdivisions or are Private. McKinley County only maintains roads listed on the County Road Inventory. A copy of the Road Inventory may be viewed and printed on the County's website www.co.mckinley.nm.us or for any questions you may call the Road Department at (505) 722-2303.

Q: Can you put gravel on my road?

A: People are encouraged to submit these requests to their Commissioners at the County Manager's office as funds are requested and allocated through the State of New Mexico or Navajo Nation for certain County roads during the County Commission Road Priority Meeting that is scheduled at the beginning of each calendar year.

Q: Can you install a driveway culvert?

A: The Road Department Maintenance Supervisor will go out and inspect the property and inform the resident of the recommended culvert size as size varies. It is the responsibility of the resident to purchase the culvert and they may either have installed themselves or have the County install it at a cost which will be determined at payment through the County Manager's Office. Upon payment, the County Manager's Office will request the Road Department to order the culvert for the resident.

Q: Who's responsible for repairing potholes?

A: The County will only repair potholes on County maintained roads. Please call the Road Department at (505) 722-2303. A copy of the Road Inventory may also be viewed and printed on the County's website www.co.mckinley.nm.us.

Q: Where do I get a driveway/road cut permit?

A: An application may be picked up at the McKinley County Road Department Office. It must be filled out and turned in to the Road Superintendent for approval.

Frequently Asked Questions Cont'd

Q: Why can't the Road Department blade the roads right after it rains?

A: Roads will be bladed after moisture has had time to soak in the ground. Should roads be bladed immediately after moisture has had a chance to soak in, it will cause large ruts from the weight of the equipment and damage the surface of the road.

Q: Does the Road Department remove dead animals?

A: Animal Control is responsible for the removal of smaller animals and may be reached at (505) 726-1453. The Livestock Inspector is responsible for the removal of large animals and can be reached through Metro Dispatch at (505) 722-2002. The Road Department will assist with the removal of large dead animals if it is a safety issue or if the Livestock inspector is not available.

Q: Who do I call to report damaged/missing County road signs?

A: Please call the Road Department at (505) 722-2303.

Q: Who do I call for road conditions during inclement weather?

A: Please call 511 or 1-800-432-4269 for current road conditions.

Q: How do I contact the Road Department?

A: You may contact the Road Department at (505) 722-2303, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. After hours or in case of an emergency please call 911 or Metro Dispatch at (505)722-2002.

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