



Recommendations for Wildlife Funding in NM

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Natural Resources—9/26/24*

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NM's Exceptional Biological Diversity

- **~550 bird species (2nd most in US)**
- **180 mammal species (3rd most)**
- **110 reptiles (3rd most)**
- **70 fish species**
- **27 amphibians**

GENERAL--RESIDENT
HUNTING LICENSE

No 7110

\$1.50

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Clayton State of New Mexico, has paid the
sum of One Dollar and Fifty Cents for a **General Hunting License**, and is entitled to hunt all Game
in the State of New Mexico, in conformity with law, during the season of 1913.

Description of Licensee—Age *27* years, height *5* feet

color of hair *Brown*, color of eyes *Blue*

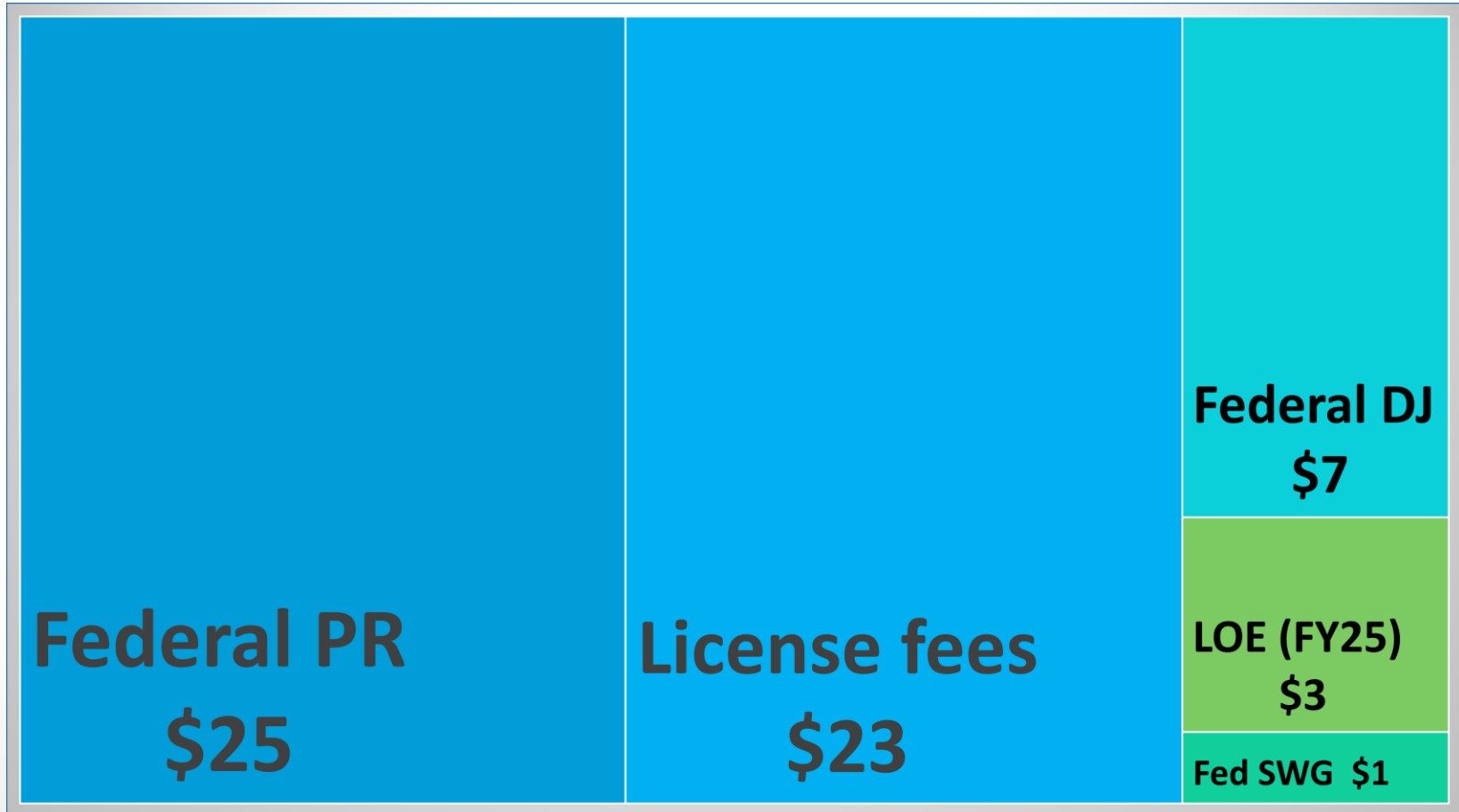
Issued at *Santa Fe* New Mexico,

19-27 1913

Geo R. Burris Signature of Licensee
This license is not transferable, does not authorize transportation or sale of
while hunting. Opportunity to inspect and copy must be afforded to



FY23 NMDGF Revenues (millions)



Recommendation #1:

Establish new, dedicated funding sources for SGCNs

- **General Fund Appropriations:** Vermont, Washington
- **Outdoor Gear Tax:** Texas, Virginia, Georgia
- **General Sales Tax:** Missouri, Arkansas, Minnesota
- **Real Estate Transfer Tax:** Florida, South Carolina

Recommendation #2:

Amend Land of Enchantment Fund statute to require use only for SGCNs

- **Current language:**

75-12-2. Land of enchantment legacy fund; created; distribution.

(6) twenty-two percent shall be distributed to the department of game and fish to carry out projects and programs for the protection and propagation of game and fish.

- **Recommended language:**

(6) twenty-two percent shall be distributed to the department of game and fish to carry out projects and programs for the restoration and protection of species of greatest conservation need.

Recommendation #3:

Ask USFWS to make Pittman-Robertson funding available for ALL species

- If rules changed, could use PR funding for more SGCNs, e.g. native fish, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates
- Currently, 60% of New Mexico's proposed SGCNs are ineligible for PR funds