



Border Barrier Construction in Doña Ana County, New Mexico Description of the Project

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is seeking input on the planned action to construct approximately 1.32 miles of new border barrier in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

CBP is planning to construct approximately 1.32 miles of new border barrier approximately 0.53 miles south of the city of Sunland Park.

The project consists of a 30-foot-high barrier made of six-inch-squared diameter steel bollards, spaced approximately four inches apart with anti-climb features. Other components of the project include:

- **Access Roads:** Existing roadways will be used to access the project site and staging areas.
- **Drainage Gates:** Manually operated flood gates ranging from 8- to 10-feet in width will be installed to manage water flow within drainages.
- **Erosion and Drainage Control:** Earth retaining systems and erosion control may be needed to control grades and could include items such as concrete or block walls, low water crossings, roadside ditches, erosion control mats, or riprap.
- **Maintenance:** Routine vegetation removal along the barrier, maintenance of the patrol road, or repair of the barrier will be conducted as needed.
- **Patrol and Maintenance Road:** A Functional Class-1 (FC-1) or FC-2 road would be constructed to accommodate a 12-foot-wide maintenance road and up to a 24-foot-wide patrol road.
- **Staging Areas and Laydown Yards:** Adjacent areas will be allocated to store construction materials and equipment.
- **Water:** Water is anticipated to be needed for construction and dust suppression to maintain air quality near the project.

A Story Map of the project and Spanish-language materials can be found online at:
<https://www.cbp.gov/about/environmental-management>.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

As part of the planning process, CBP will be conducting environmental site surveys and consulting with Tribal governments and Federal, State, and Local agencies to gather information

about potential impacts associated with the proposed project.

In 2015, CBP prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for Anapra Fence Replacement and Associated Road Renovations, Sunland Park, New Mexico, to assess potential environmental effects associated with constructing new border barrier in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

To view a copy of the 2015 EA, please visit:
<https://www.cbp.gov/document/environmental-assessments/final-environmental-assessment-ea-supporting-anapra-fence>.

On June 3, 2025 the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, pursuant to the authority granted under Section 102(b)(1)(C) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA), issued a waiver of environmental laws covering this project.

Get Involved!

CBP invites you to participate in the comment period for the border barrier construction in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

Specifically, CBP is seeking input regarding the project's potential impacts to the environment, culture and commerce, including socioeconomic impacts and quality of life that were not captured by the 2015 EA. Comments will be accepted until July 3, 2025.

How to Provide Comments:

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Please reference "El Paso Sector Border Barrier Construction" in your response.