

NMGS 2026 Fall Field Conference Announcement and Call for Papers

Call for Papers

The 76th Annual New Mexico Geological Society Fall Field Conference invites contributions of original research on the geology of the Albuquerque area, Sandia Mountains, southeastern Colorado Plateau, and Rio Grande rift. Manuscripts are to be submitted as full papers and address topics that are relevant to the conference region and its broader geologic context. Mini-papers may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Field Trip Highlights

- Dates: October 21-24, 2026.
- Base: Albuquerque area (*location TBD*).
- Sandia Mountains: Proterozoic & Phanerozoic rocks, uplift history, geomorphology, groundwater.
- Colorado Plateau Margin: Cretaceous stratigraphy, nature of eastern boundary with Rio Grande rift.
- Albuquerque Basin & Rio Grande rift: Santa Fe Group stratigraphy, geomorphology, volcanic rocks, faulting, groundwater.

Important Dates

- Email *Intent to Submit* to editors by December 1, 2025:
 - Include title, authors, and preliminary (draft) abstract.
- Email verification of *Intent to Submit* paper sent from editors by December 19, 2025.
- Draft manuscripts submitted by authors for peer-review by February 16, 2026.
- Peer-reviewed manuscripts returned to authors by March 23, 2026
- Peer-review completed & reviews returned to editors by April 13, 2026.
- Final manuscripts, figures, and copyright clearances due to editors by May 1, 2026.

Submission Instructions

1. Send your *Intent to Submit* (title, list of authors, draft abstract) to guidebook editors by Dec. 1:
 - Sean D. Connell, sean.connell@nmt.edu
 - Daniel J. Koning, dan.koning@nmt.edu
2. Manuscripts must present new results; review papers, synthesis, or regional integration are also welcome.
3. Mini papers (<2 pages) are encouraged for short, focused topics, observations, or summary results **where they can be closely tied to road logs**. Otherwise, these will be considered as short papers.
4. Draft manuscripts must follow NGMS formatting guidelines (*Instructions to Authors*). Papers containing references not formatted to NMGS guidelines will not be accepted and will be returned to authors to be corrected prior to peer review. Additional information on formatting will be provided in a separate NMGS Style Guide, which will be posted online at a later date.
5. All manuscripts will undergo external peer review, with comments returned for revision.
6. Final manuscripts, including all figures and tables, must be submitted by the final manuscript deadline.

Suggested Topics

- Tectonic evolution of central New Mexico & Albuquerque Basin
- Precambrian basement and uplift history of Sandia Mountains
- Sedimentation/stratigraphy/structure of the SE Colorado Plateau margin
- Magmatism, volcanism, and intrusive systems
- Paleoclimate, geomorphology, and Quaternary geology
- Hydrogeology and aquifer systems
- Geologic hazards, neotectonics, and landscape evolution
- Geophysical imaging
- Mineral resources & economic geology

All submissions should emphasize technical connections to the conference region and topics. Please note that rejected submissions may merely reflect a need to constrain book length (due to costs) and do not necessarily indicate a judgement of research or writing quality.

Contact guidebook editors with inquiries before the *Intent to Submit* deadline (*see above*). Early submissions are encouraged.

Contact & Questions

For questions & submissions, contact Sean Connell (sean.connell@nmt.edu) or Dan Koning (dan.koning@nmt.edu).