



New Mexico Environment Department



River Stewardship Program

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River Stewardship Program

Provides funding and technical support for the planning, design, and construction of projects that enhance the health of New Mexico streams and rivers by improving surface water quality and/or river habitat.



Cimarron River Trout Habitat Restoration, Cimarron Watershed Alliance



Program Benefits



Restoration of Gila trout and riparian habitat on Black Canyon Creek, Bat Conservation International (Gila National Forest)

- Addresses water quality problems, including impacts from wildfires, flooding, and drought
- Engages local stakeholders in water restoration
- Supports small businesses in New Mexico
- Provides the necessary match for approximately \$3.2 million per year in Federal Clean Water Act grants

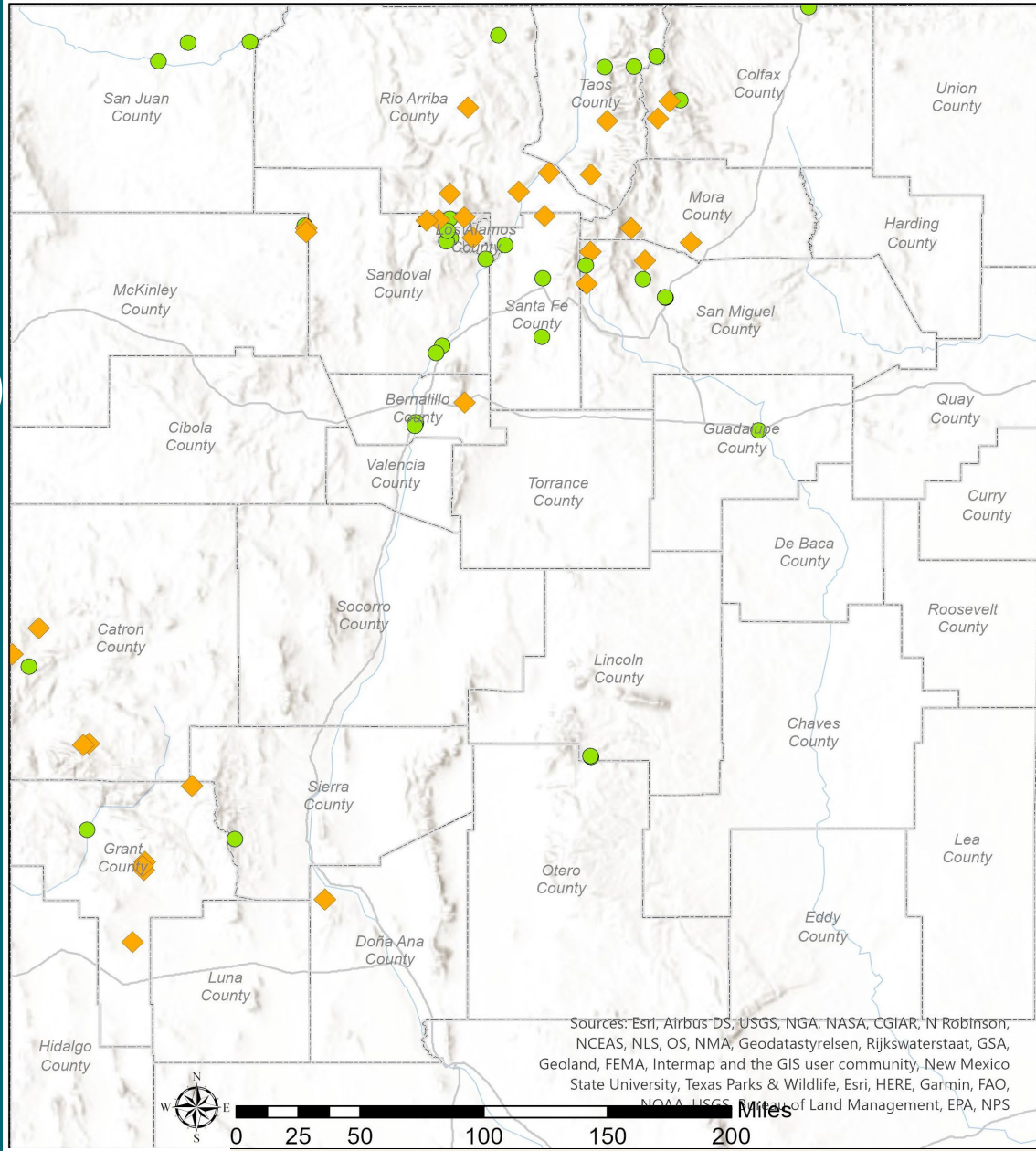


River Stewardship Project Locations

40 projects completed

24 projects in progress

12 new projects starting in 2024



Project Status

- Completed
- ◆ Construction
- New Mexico Counties

Sources: Esri, Airbus-DS, USGS, NGA, NASA, CGIAR, N Robinson, NCEAS, NLS, OS, NMA, Geodastystyrelsen, Rijkswaterstaat, GSA, Geoland, FEMA, Intermap and the GIS user community, New Mexico State University, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Esri, HERE, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS

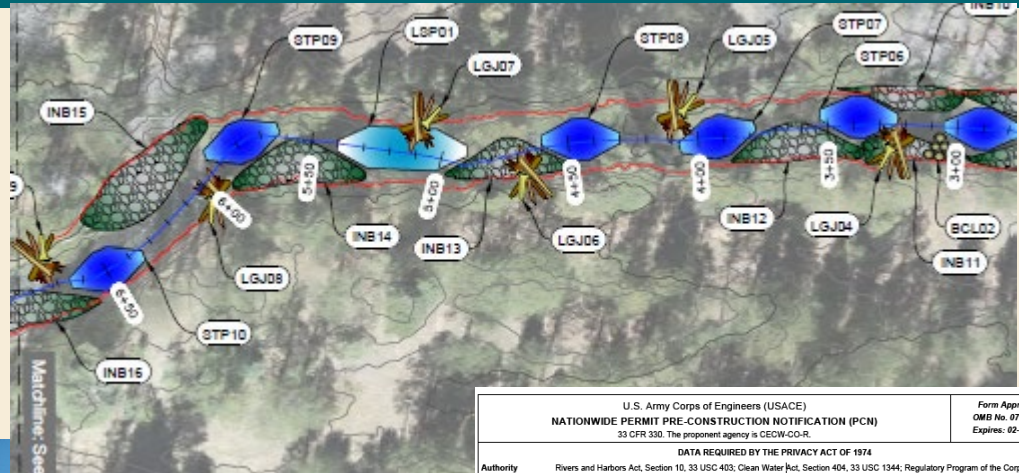


River Stewardship Projects

Project Timeline

- Designs and Permitting
- Construction
- Monitoring

*Projects usually take between 2-3 years to complete



U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) NATIONWIDE PERMIT PRE-CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION (PCN) 33 CFR 330. The proponent agency is CEDW-CO-R.			Form Approved - OMB No. 0710-0003 Expires: 02-28-2022
DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974			
Authority Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Regulatory Program of the Corps of Engineers (Corps); Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332.			
Principal Purpose Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the nationwide permit pre-construction notification.			
Routine Uses This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of the agency coordination process.			
Disclosure Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued.			
The public reporting burden for this collection of information, 0710-0003, is estimated to average 11 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or burden reduction suggestions to the Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services, at whs.mc-ees.es6.mbx.01-doi-information-collections@mail.mil . Respondents should be aware that notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if it does not display a currently valid OMB control number.			
PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE EMAIL.			
One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the district engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.			
(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)			
1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)			
5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Middle - Last -		8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Middle - Last -	
Company -		Company -	
Company Title -		E-mail Address -	
E-mail Address -			
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS Address -		9. AGENT'S ADDRESS Address -	
City - State - Zip - Country -		City - State - Zip - Country -	
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax d. Mobile		10. AGENT'S PHONE NOS. with AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax d. Mobile	
STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION			
11. I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this nationwide permit pre-construction notification.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	
NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY			
12. PROJECT NAME or TITLE (see instructions)			



River Stewardship 2024 Projects

- Received over \$10.5 million in requests
- Approximately \$5.8 million available to award over 12 contracts
- All Land of Enchantment Legacy Funds (\$1.25M) are allocated



Cimarron River



River Stewardship Funding

Funding Source	Term
Capital Outlay	4 years
Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund	2 years
ARPA	Allocated and expires December 2026



San Juan River Restoration, San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District



Taos Pueblo Ecological Restoration of Buffalo Pasture and the Rio Lucero Project



What is Next?

- Plan to issue a Request for Proposals in spring 2025 after the legislative session
- Approximately \$1.7 million to \$11.7 million for projects
- NMED will have funding available to communities impacted by fires and flooding



Two Rivers Park River Restoration Phase III, Village of Ruidoso



Questions?



Before and four months after photos from the restoration of Gila trout and riparian habitat on Black Canyon Creek, Bat Conservation International.