



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Local Contractors Awarded to Rebuild Refuge Roads American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has selected two contractors to perform Recovery Act funded upgrades to Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). SK Quality Customs Builders of San Antonio will receive \$22,350 to refurbish Salineno and Arroyo Los Negros foot trails with granite, and Rhino Contractors of Harlingen will receive \$34,262 to make improvements to Los Negros Creek Road, on the Alamo, Texas facility. The upgrades are part of a planned \$695,000 Recovery Act Refurbishment which includes new fencing and signage.



Los Negros Foot Trail, LRGV NWR

The public use trail upgrades will increase access to outdoor activities at the refuge, which is known for its hunting, fishing, and bird-watching. Los Negros Creek is often impassable during bad weather. Plans call for a double culvert to be built and ditches to be added to decrease the effects of flooding. Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR encompasses 90,000 acres, including 115 tracts of land that stretch along the last 275 river miles of the Rio Grande in South Texas; it also provides habitat for 20 federally listed threatened and endangered species. The Service expects both projects to be complete by next summer.

Project Benefits

These funds are estimated to create work as well as expanding and enhancing public use and recreation opportunities, and improving access during bad weather.

Total Budget Information for All Projects

Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR \$695,000
FFS#R2QK; \$22,350
FFS#R2GL; 34,262

For More Information

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