



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



### Tucson Contractor Wins Bobwhite Habitat Award American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded \$76,950\* of Recovery Act funds to Man of the Soil Landscaping Contractors of Tucson, Ariz., to re-vegetate 6.7 acres of masked bobwhite quail terrain. The work will take place on Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Sasabe, Ariz. The project is part of a \$750,000\* program to reintroduce the bobwhites to their historical habitat in South Central Arizona. Other Buenos Aires NWR Recovery Act projects scheduled for 2010 are the improvement of cattle tanks used to hold water for wildlife, the removal of mesquite trees, and the refurbishment of three wells.



Scenic View, Buenos Aires NWR

The endangered masked bobwhite quail, traditionally native to the Sasabe, Ariz. area has become nearly extinct in the wild, north of the border. The spread of non-native mesquite trees has produced hiding places for predators and outcompeted plants used by the bobwhites for food and shelter. Man of the Soil Landscape Contractors will collect native species from nearby; and replant them inside a new 6.7 acre bobwhite habitat. The habitat will be protected by a 7-8 foot deer fence intended to deter mule deer, pronghorn and predators.

The contract also calls for the installation of drip irrigation and herbicide treatment of invasive species.

#### Project Benefits

The Service expects the award to create work as well as encourage the re-introduction of the endangered masked bobwhite quail to its original habitat.

#### Total Budget Information for All Projects

Buenos Aires NWR \$750,000  
Bobwhite Revegetation FFS#R2MB: \$76,950

#### For More Information

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