



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



AZ Company to Refurbish Buenos Aires NWR Wells American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded \$109,910, of Recovery Act funds to Empire Pump Corporation of Phoenix, Ariz., to refurbish, and add solar pumps to refuge wells. The project is part of an ongoing \$750,000 habitat creation for the endangered Masked Bobwhite Quail at Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in Sasabe, Ariz.



Existing well on Buenos Aires NWR

The terms of the contract call for Empire Pump to evaluate three Refuge wells for their readiness to sufficiently re-vegetate new rangeland for the Bobwhites. Additionally, three other non-functioning wells will be fitted with solar pumps to supply drinking water to Buenos Aires NWR wildlife. Refuge staff hopes the well refurbishment will facilitate species re-introduction. Predators and non-invasive species growth have led to a precipitous decline in Bobwhite population in the area that marks its historic home. Other Bobwhite projects on Buenos Aires NWR include removal of non-native species and native species re-vegetation to establish foods and nesting materials.

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

Well Evaluation and Solar Pumps FFS#R2MB:
\$109,910

For More Information

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