



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



### Contract Awarded for AZ Refuge Fence Construction American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has awarded a contract to rehabilitate 11 miles of barbed-wire fence, and to construct a one-and-a-half mile vehicle barrier on two national wildlife refuges in Southeastern Ariz. Marsh Development Inc. of Hachuca City, Ariz. won the Recovery Act award with a bid of almost \*\$220,000.



Barbed wire fence needing repair on San Bernardino NWR

San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and neighboring Leslie Canyon NWR were established in 1982 and 1988 respectively as habitats to protect native Arizona fishes. 2,309 acre San Bernardino NWR offers a variety of outdoor opportunities to visitors and is home to over 390 animal species. 2,770 acre Leslie Canyon NWR, a few miles to the north, is closed to the public. The fence and vehicle barrier are necessary to protect the integrity of the habitat because the refuge’s proximity to the Mexican border makes them vulnerable to the effects

of trespassing. The work is scheduled to begin early in 2011 and should be completed by next fall.

#### Project Benefits

The Service expects work to be created for two-to-three people. The enhanced fence and vehicle barrier should reduce the litter and general disturbance brought upon by illegal trespassing.

#### Total Budget Information for All Projects

San Bernardino NWR \$219,684

#### For More Information

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