



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



### San Bernardino NWR Awarded \$318,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

San Bernardino National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and neighboring Leslie Canyon NWR will share \$318,000\* in funding for security improvements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced that the award will be used to rehabilitate 11 miles of barbed-wire fence, and to construct a one-and-a-half mile vehicle barrier.



Vehicle barrier being erected at San Bernardino NWR

Once used as a cattle ranch, the land now known as San Bernardino NWR was acquired by the Service in 1982. Its stated purpose is to protect water resources and provide a habitat for Arizona fishes. The refuge is situated on the Yanqui River, 12 miles east of Douglass, in Cochise County, Arizona. 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, was established in 1988 as a habitat to protect two species of endangered Arizona fish is closed to the public.

#### Project Benefits

The Service expects 3 jobs to be created/saved by the projects which are crucial to maintaining the refuges. Located on the U.S. – Mexico border, resources on these Refuges are impacted by illegal foot and vehicle traffic and the litter and general disturbance that results from illegal immigration. The enhanced fence and vehicle barrier are designed to reduce illegal cross-border foot and vehicle traffic and help preserve the San Bernardino NWR’s varied desert habitat.

#### Total Budget Information for All Projects

San Bernardino NWR \$318,000

#### For More Information

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