



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



### Sevilleta Fence Installation and Repair Project American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

The U.S. fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has received \$1.36\* million dollars through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to perform various upgrades on Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Among the scheduled upgrades will be rebuilding and reconditioning 60 miles of barbed-wire fence around the refuge perimeter, new signage, the addition of solar electricity generators, and road improvements.



Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge

Sevilleta NWR, a 220,000 acre habitat, is primarily a research facility which examines long term change of the desert ecosystem. Located 20 miles north of Socorro, NM, Sevilleta NWR was conveyed to The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service in 1973. In addition to scientific research, the property offers limited hunting and environmental education programs. The fence, roads and signage on the refuge are over 30 years old in many places, and are in need of upgrades due to wear and disrepair. Expected completion will be next fall.

#### Project Benefits

Up to 14 jobs are expected to be created by the project. Additional benefits are expected to include:

- Isolation of the refuge from wandering cattle in order to maintain the pristine desert environment.
- Increased energy efficiency through solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity.
- Larger, more easily recognizable signage which will clearly identify refuge boundaries.
- Smoother, all-weather roads, improving accessibility in poor weather.

#### Total Budget Information

Sevilleta NWR - \$1.36 million

#### For More Information

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