



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) near Socorro, New Mexico has completed a project this summer utilizing \$29,000 in Recovery Act funds to rehabilitate a popular trail and make it wheelchair accessible.



Many species of waterfowl flock to Bosque del Apache NWR in southern New Mexico during their annual migration.

Staff at Bosque del Apache NWR used heavy equipment to install five culvert pipes along the 1.5 mile Marsh Overlook Trail to channel water and excavated a drainage ditch to divert water from the trail. The trail was extended 10 feet on each side and a levy was constructed. Staff created a level trail surface that was then covered with more than 2,000 tons of road base and approximately 2,500 tons of very fine pebbles known as crusher fines.

The previous trail surface had become overgrown with vegetation and washed out by weather. The trail is used by pedestrians while viewing and photographing migratory waterfowl at the refuge.

Project Benefits

The Marsh Overlook Trail is now accessible to wheelchairs, assistance scooters, baby strollers and foot traffic. The trail provides yet another way for all refuge visitors to relish the sights and sounds of the numerous migratory waterfowl and wildlife at the refuge.

Total Award Information:

Bosque del Apache NWR Trail \$29,000

For more information

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