



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Southwest Region



New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office purchased heavy equipment with \$151,614 in Recovery Act funds to support several fish projects in the Southwest. Two of the projects, done in partnership with the Jicarilla Apache Nation, include plans for habitat improvement for native fish on the Navajo River near Dulce, New Mexico and barrier reconstruction and provision of fish passage on Poso Creek near Chama, New Mexico.



The Navajo River near Dulce, New Mexico will be the site of habitat improvement for native fish.

Both waterway projects are on Jicarilla Apache tribal land and are funded by the Service’s Fisheries National Fish Passage Program and the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. Field work will be done with staff from Jicarilla Game and Fish Department, the Service, and private contractors.

Navajo River project plans will focus on habitat restoration and stream bank stabilization to improve conditions for native fish including the roundtail chub, mottled sculpin, flannelmouth sucker, bluehead sucker and speckled dace. Poso Creek work involves fortifying a barrier structure to keep non-native trout out of areas populated by native Rio Grande cutthroat trout.

The heavy equipment will also be used for established projects at several Service fish hatcheries, including Dexter National Fish Hatchery and Technology Center in New Mexico, Alchesay National Fish Hatchery in Arizona and Inks Dam National Fish Hatchery in Texas.

Project Benefits

Habitat restoration on the Navajo River will increase the population of roundtail chub that will supply adult fish stock to partnerships with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Southern Ute Tribe, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Poso Creek improvements will help increase the Rio Grande cutthroat trout population and reduce non-native trout species.

Budget Information for Project

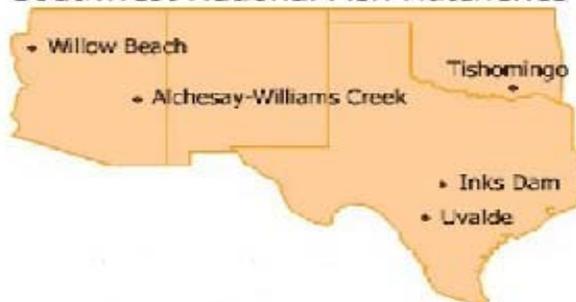
Original Project Estimate: \$151,614



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