



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



### Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge American Recovery and Reinvestment Act FACT SHEET

#### Project Description

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has completed two construction projects at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in Las Vegas, New Mexico using \$678,274 in Recovery Act funds.



Las Vegas NWR is located in the short-grass prairies of northeast New Mexico. Many species of migratory waterfowl, raptors, and birds live at the refuge.

The first project rehabilitated a 5.5-mile water transmission pipeline system with new water-efficient pipes and valves at the refuge. The work was performed by Deerfield Corporation of Albuquerque, New Mexico for \$555,898. The pipeline supplies water to 40 wetland units on the refuge and supports the production of 500 acres of grain for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. Las Vegas NWR grows mainly wheat and corn to feed migratory birds that live at the refuge.

The second project replaced approximately four miles of dilapidated barbed-wire fencing along the refuge’s northern border to keep out domestic predators and livestock. The new fence will also more accurately define the refuge’s boundary. ACS Fencing of Roswell, New Mexico, completed the project for \$108,376.

#### Project Benefits

The Recovery Act projects have upgraded and replaced Las Vegas NWR’s facilities. The fence has created a safer environment for the refuge’s migratory bird population from potential predators, and the water-efficient pipeline will help supply scarce water resources to wetlands, lakes and crop fields that serve as wildlife habitat and food sources.

#### Total Funding Information for Projects

Las Vegas NWR: **\$678,274**

- Water Line / Delivery System: \$569,898
- New Barbed-Wire / V-Mesh Fence: \$108,376

#### For More Information

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