

Middle Rio Grande Bosque, New Mexico

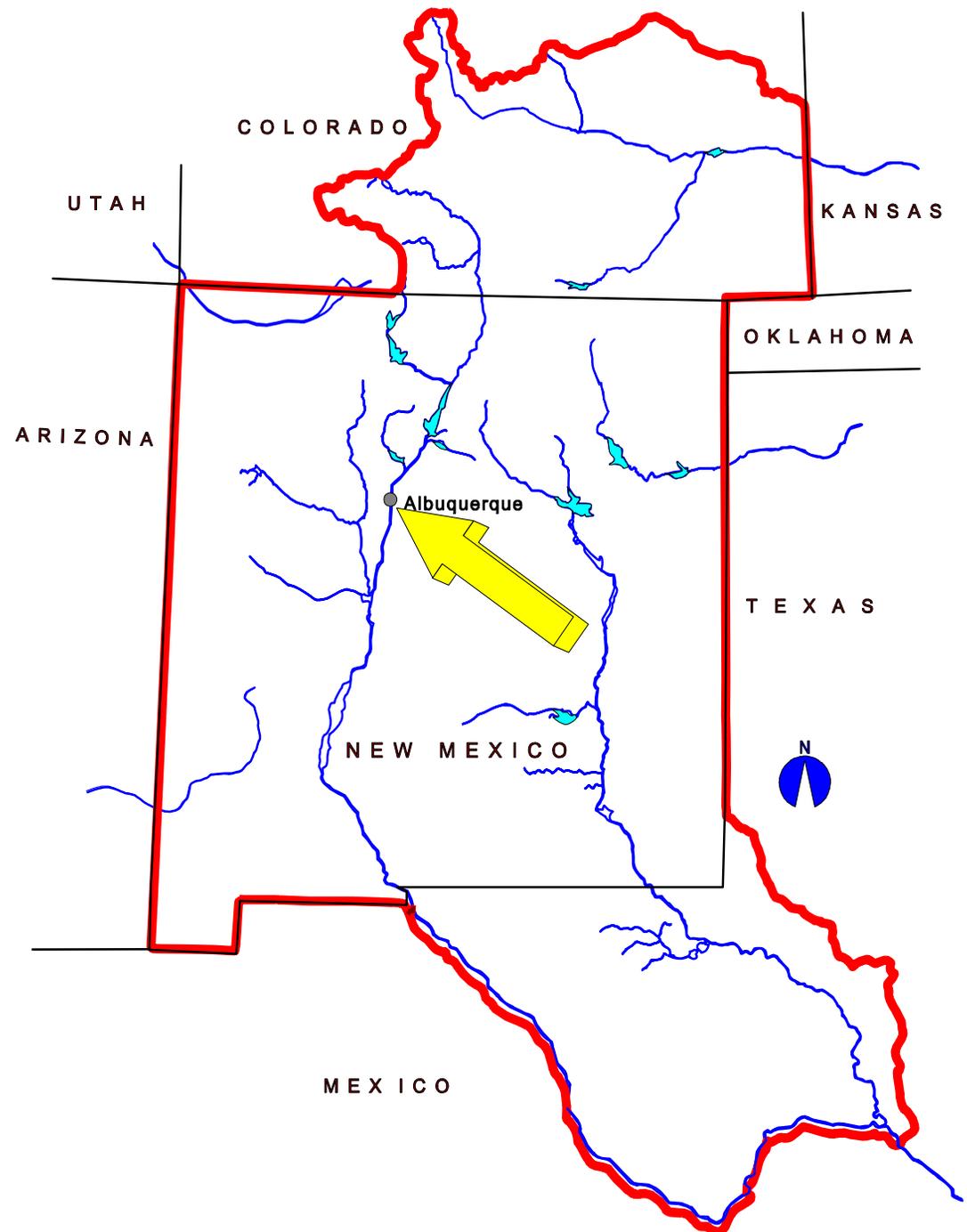
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The Middle Rio Grande Basin is located in central New Mexico from Cochiti Reservoir to Elephant Butte Reservoir, some 180 miles south.

The study area within the Middle Rio Grande Basin will include the Bosque along the Rio Grande from the North Diversion Channel outfall through Albuquerque for approximately 14 miles to the South Diversion Channel outfall. The study area encompasses approximately 5000 acres.

The study will address eco-system restoration and recreation needs within the Middle Rio Grande Basin. The authority to perform the reconnaissance study was contained in Title I of H.R. 107-258, providing Energy and Water Development Appropriations for FY 2002. The study will evaluate current conditions within the study area and make recommendations in order to improve environmental quality, reduce fire potential, and develop passive recreation opportunities. The 905(b) report was approved in July 2002 and a Feasibility study will begin in the Fall 2003.

The local sponsor for this project is the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District.



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