

Rio Grande Basin, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas

(General Investigations)

Basin studies are authorized by Section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986.

The Rio Grande Basin is located in the states of Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, and encompasses an area over 160,000 square miles, from the Rio Grande's headwaters in central Colorado to its mouth on the Gulf of Mexico near Brownsville, TX. Water conveyance and delivery, ecosystem degradation, and flooding are major issues in the basin. Water supply and flood control in the Rio Grande Basin fall under the management and jurisdiction of an international treaty and several Federal, State and local agencies. The study will identify ways to integrate the programs, policies, and resources of all concerned agencies into a multi-objective water resources plan.

Sponsorship has been established for the New Mexico part of the basin. However, the involvement of Texas and Colorado remains uncertain because of endangered species and water operation concerns.

