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Albuquerque District

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing the New Web Page for Wildfire Resources and Emergency Permitting Procedures within the Albuquerque District

Due to the catastrophic wildfires that have occurred within the State of New Mexico in recent months, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (Corps), has created a web page to provide impacted individuals and communities with information about emergency permitting related to wildfires. Wildfire resources and emergency permitting procedures within the Albuquerque District can be found at www.spa.usace.army.mil/reg/wildfires.

When is a permit required?

- Work, activities, or construction will occur or has occurred in or adjacent to an arroyo, stream, pond, ditch, river, lake, or predominately wet land
- Work will occur in, over, or under the Navajo Reservoir in New Mexico and Colorado, Rio Grande in Texas, or Colorado River in Colorado

How to contact us

Questions concerning wildfire-related emergency authorizations may be sent to the primary and secondary points of contact listed below:

Northern and Central New Mexico

Points of Contact	Name	Email	Phone
Primary	Forrest Luna	Forrest.Luna@usace.army.mil	(505) 342-3678
Secondary	Anica Lucero	Anica.V.Lucero@usace.army.mil	—

Southern New Mexico and West Texas

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Southern Colorado

Points of Contact	Name	Email	Phone
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Western Colorado

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Where to send requests

Please email wildfire-related emergency authorization requests to the address below that corresponds to the project site. To ensure your request is routed to the appropriate office, please also refer to the wildfire-related emergency points of contact above and copy both the primary and secondary points of contact for the project area.

Northern and Central New Mexico: SPA-RD-NM@usace.army.mil

Southern and Western Colorado: SPA-RD-CO@usace.army.mil

Southern New Mexico and West Texas: SPA-RD-TX@usace.army.mil

What to send

1. Contact information (name, address, and phone number) of the person(s) responsible for the work, the owner of the affected lands (if different from the permittee), and the contractor(s) that will be performing the work, if applicable;
2. NWP or RGP (e.g., RGP NM/West TX 17-01) that covers the work, if known;
3. A description of the proposed work including:
 - a. A description of waters of the United States that may be affected by the activities;
 - b. Type, composition, and quantity of material to be excavated or placed (including temporary material used for cofferdams, etc.);
 - c. Length, width, and depth of fill area and/or excavation area;
 - d. A discussion of the direct and indirect adverse environmental effects of the activity;
 - e. Location of disposal site for excavated material;
 - f. Type of equipment to be used;
 - g. Identification/delineation of wetlands (if present);
 - h. The receiving site for excess water (drainage projects); and
 - i. Any other pertinent, supporting data;
4. A map showing the location of the proposed work;
5. A set of 8.5- by 11-inch drawings showing the details of the proposed work;
6. Pre-construction photos depicting the physical setting (to be compared to post-construction site conditions from the same photo points). Photos should contain figure labels with time, date, bearing, and a general description of the site;
7. Information on any known historic properties that may be affected by the proposed scope of work, or plans for assessing potential impacts to cultural resources (e.g., archaeological monitoring);
8. Information regarding the evaluation of potential effects to federally listed species or their designated critical habitat; and
9. Information regarding any potential adverse effects to water quality from the proposed scope of work.

How long it should take to receive the emergency authorization

The Corps will make every effort to expedite the processing of wildfire-related emergency authorization requests. Upon receipt of the emergency authorization request, the Corps will review the information for completeness and typically will issue the authorization within 24 hours of receipt of the complete request.

For your convenience, we have created an Emergency Authorization Checklist you may use to ensure all the required information is included in your request: [Emergency Authorization Checklist](#).

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