Notice of Availability Draft Environmental Assessment, Conchas Lodge Demolition and Mitigation

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (USACE) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Conchas Lodge Demolition and Mitigation Project in San Miguel County, New Mexico. The DEA evaluates environmental impacts of the project, including mitigation for loss of the historic resource, and has been prepared to solicit input from agencies and the public as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969.

The proposed action would demolish the Lodge after consultation and mitigation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and would be carried out in phases. The initial phase would consist of consultation and mitigation. Demolition Phase 1 would entail removing and disposing of the structure down to the concrete slab and terminating all utility connections; removing lead and asbestos containing materials; and properly disposing of hazardous materials off site. Phase 2 would consist of removing from the site and disposing of all foundations and concrete, grading the land surface to restore native topography, and seeding all disturbed areas with a native plant mix.

A hard copy of the draft "Environmental Assessment for the Conchas Lodge Demolition and Mitigation Project, San Miguel County, New Mexico" can be sent upon request, and is available electronically at the USACE Albuquerque District website at:

https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Compliance-Documents/Environmental-Assessments-FONSI/

USACE is soliciting comments from concerned agencies and the public to comply with NEPA. The DEA will be available for public review from June 6 until July 7, 2025.

Written comments may be emailed to: <u>ConchasLodge@usace.army.mil</u> Or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District

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USACE would appreciate receiving comments no later than July 7, 2025, so that comments can be addressed, and revisions made to the DEA in a timely manner.

Paper copies of the DEA are available for review at the USACE Conchas Lake Office and:

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