

**Notice of Availability**  
**Draft Environmental Assessment, Conchas Lake**  
**Vegetation Management Plan**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District (USACE), has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Conchas Lake Project Vegetation Management Plan in San Miguel County, New Mexico. The DEA evaluates alternatives to ensure that the conservation and management of the land, water, and recreational resources on Conchas Lake Project lands follow applicable environmental laws and regulations.

The proposed action would implement the Conchas Vegetation Management Plan, that would identify and execute effective strategies that promote the health of upland, wetland, and riparian ecosystems, over the course of each growing season. Strategies include: (1) preserve native habitat mosaics, (2) identify and restore disturbed and degraded areas, (3) manage invasive and non-native flora, (4) reduce standing dead woody vegetation and (5) preserve the aesthetic and historic character of the surround landscape.

A hard copy of the draft “**Environmental Assessment for the Conchas Lake Vegetation Management Plan, San Miguel County, New Mexico**” can be sent upon request, and is available electronically at the USACE Albuquerque District website, (under “FONSI/Environmental Assessment”) at:

<https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Compliance-Documents/>

USACE is soliciting comments from members of the public and concerned agencies in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The DEA will be available for public review from January 31, 2025, to March 1, 2025.

Written comments may be emailed to: [Conchas-Vegetation-Plan@usace.army.mil](mailto:Conchas-Vegetation-Plan@usace.army.mil)

Or mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District  
Environmental Resources Section  
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USACE would appreciate receiving comments no later than **March 1, 2025**, so that comments can be addressed, and revisions made to the DEA in a timely manner.

Hard copies of the DEA are also available for review at:

- Las Vegas Carnegie Public Library  
500 National Ave, Las Vegas, NM. 87701
- Tucumcari Public Library  
602 S 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Tucumcari, NM. 88401