Notice of Availability Environmental Assessment for the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Restoration Project, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the **Environmental Assessment for the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Restoration Project, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico (EA)**. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to restore 916 acres of the Middle Rio Grande bosque by (1) improving hydrologic function by constructing high-flow channels, back water channels, willow swales, and wetlands, and (2) restoring native vegetation and habitat by removing jetty jacks, exotic species, reducing fuel loads, and restoring riparian gallery forest (bosque). Improvements of existing facilities for educational, interpretive and low-impact recreational uses also are proposed. Project construction would be phased over 3-5 years and is proposed to begin in August 2011 and continue through April 2016, though no work would occur between May 1 and August 30, annually. Public review of the EA occurred from April 5 – May 5, 2010.

The EA is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under "FONSI/ Environmental Assessments") at:

http://www.spa.usace.army.mil

or a hard copy will be sent upon written request to the following address:

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