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

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the **Draft Supplement II Environmental Assessment for the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Restoration Project, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico (DEA)**. The Corps is proposing to construct additional recreation features and make improvements to existing restoration areas in the Middle Rio Grande Restoration Project. The proposed action would include formalizing and stabilizing trails, eliminating redundant trails, and providing new features, such as interpretive signs, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, doggie stations, kiosks, river overlooks, canoe launch sites, and improvements to parking facilities. The original Environmental Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Middle Rio Grande Restoration Project, Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico dated June 2011(EA) discussed some of the recreational features already being constructed and the potential effects of those features. This Supplement II discusses potential effects of recreation features not discussed in the original EA. This proposed action and the No Action alternative were considered in this Draft Supplement II Environmental Assessment (DSEA). If the No Action Alternative was chosen, this work would not be completed in order to benefit public recreation activities in the Rio Grande bosque. Project construction would occur beginning August 15, 2016 and be completed by April 15, 2017.

A public meeting will be held to provide additional information and answer questions about the proposed recreational features. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 19, 5:30pm to 7:00pm** at the Open Space Visitor Center, 6500 Coors NW, Albuquerque, NM.

The DSEA 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:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District Environmental Resources Section Attn: CESPA-PM-LE (Mrs. Ondrea Hummel) 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109-3435

The public review period is open from May 9, 2016 to June 8, 2016. Written comments should be sent to the above address and will be accepted until 4:00 PM, June 8, 2016. Alternatively, comments may be sent electronically to ondrea.c.hummel@usace.army.mil.

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