

Notice of Availability
Final Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment
Ecosystem Restoration Project
Rio Grande, Sandia Pueblo to Isleta Pueblo, CO, NM, TX

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Albuquerque District, has completed the draft **Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment for the Ecosystem Restoration Project, Rio Grande, Sandia Pueblo to Isleta Pueblo, CO, NM, TX**. The purpose of this project is to restore approximately 216 acres of the Middle Rio Grande bosque by (1) improving hydrologic function by constructing high-flow channels, willow swales, and wetlands, and (2) restoring native vegetation and habitat from exotic species/fuel reduction and restoring the riparian gallery forest. The proposed project area is located within Albuquerque city limits and extends from Alameda Blvd. to the south diversion channel. Restoration work would include the construction of 42 willow swales, five high-flow channels, the creation or restoration of three wetlands, the removal of three berms, construction of a wet meadow, outfall wetland enhancements (improvement of two connections to the Rio Grande, enhancement of a ditch for wet habitat, diversion of an outfall flow), bank destabilization, and fuel reduction/thinning of non-native vegetation followed by seeding and planting of natives at 15 locations. The proposed construction period would be based on funding, but is anticipated to be phased over approximately 3 years.

The Final Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment is electronically available for viewing and copying at the Albuquerque District website (under “FONSI/Environmental Assessment”) at:

<http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/EnvironmentalComplianceDocuments/EnvironmentalAssessmentsFONSI.aspx>

The Final Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment is available for public review and comment from May 22, 2019 to June 20, 2019. Written comments may be sent to:

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