## **NEW MEXICO NAWCA PROJECTS**

\$4,317,100 \$11,751,469

12,660

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION NUMBER OF PROJECTS

**TOTAL ACRES** 

New Mexico currently has 9 NAWCA projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved a total of 12,660 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of more than \$4.3 million stimulated partner contributions of over \$11.75 million. These figures do not include multistate projects.

## MIDDLE RIO GRANDE WETLANDS PROJECT

Continued altering of the hydrology of the Headwater Grande and its tributaries for human needs has led to a severe decline in the surrounding wetlands and to an invasion of exotic brush species, primarily salt cedar and Russian olive. An estimated 60 percent of the wetlands in the middle Headwater Grande Valley were lost between 1935 and 1989 alone. The valley serves as a key migration funnel and wintering area for migratory birds in the Southwest. Tens of thousands of waterfowl and other migratory birds use this area as wintering grounds or as a stopover point en route to the interior highlands of Mexico; virtually the entire population of Rocky Mountain sandhill cranes are found wintering here.

This Project will acquire 58 acres of oxbow wetlands, and restore 2,579 acres of floodplain forest, wet meadow, moist-soil, and other wetland habitat types. Partners will restore habitat on four key Federal, Tribal, and municipal sites in the valley, including 531 acres on the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), 415 acres on the Sevilleta NWR, 177 acres of bosque wetlands owned by the Pueblo of Santa Ana, and 58 acres of oxbow wetlands owned by the City of Albuquerque. This Project will benefit 21 waterfowl species, primarily mallards and pintails, nearly 100 other species of wetland-associated birds, and 11 threatened or endangered species, including whooping crane and southwestern willow flycatcher. The Project area contains some of the most significant, publicly owned wetlands in the region. Therefore, the public, who uses the area for outdoor recreation and education, will benefit from partners' efforts to improve these wetlands.

	PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL FUNDS	TOTAL ACRES
1.	MILLS PLAYA / RIVER RESTORATION	\$75,000	\$225,000	\$300,000	840
2.	RIO GRANDE CORRIDOR, NEW MEXICO PHASE II	\$1,000,000	\$3,099,579	\$4,099,579	1,733
3.	RIO GRANDE CORRIDOR, NEW MEXICO PHASE I	\$1,000,000	\$2,093,468	\$3,093,468	1,857
4.	RIPARIAN & WETLANDS RESTORATION IN THE JEMEZ MOUNTAINS	\$75,000	\$507,352	\$582,352	220

	TOTAL:	\$4,317,100	\$11,751,469	\$16,068,569	12,660
9.	JICARILLA WETLANDS	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$70,000	1,700
	WETLANDS PROJECT				
8.	MIDDLE RIO GRANDE	\$1,000,000	\$2,201,087	\$3,201,087	2,695
	WETLANDS PROJECT II	•		•	
7.	MIDDLE RIO GRANDE	\$1,000,000	\$3,418,803	\$4,418,803	2,677
	COUNTIES, NM				
	CURRY & QUAY				
6.	PLAYA PROTECTION IN	\$75,000	\$94,125	\$169,125	806
	RESTORATION				
	RIPARIAN / WETLAND				
5.	LA JENCIA CREEK	\$ <i>57</i> ,100	\$77,055	\$134,155	132

## **NEW MEXICO MULTI-STATE PROJECTS**

\$175,000

\$397,202

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1,344

NAWCA GRANT AMOUNT

TOTAL PARTNER CONTRIBUTION

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

**TOTAL ACRES** 

New Mexico currently has 2 multi-state projects either completed or underway. These projects have conserved a total of 1,344 acres of wildlife habitat. NAWCA funding of \$175,000 stimulated partner contributions of more than \$390,000.

PROJECT NAME	GRANT AMOUNT	PARTNER CONTRIBUTION	TOTAL INVESTMEN T	TOTAL ACRES
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE - DEMO PROJ	\$100,000	\$151,255	\$251,255	1,250
RIO CHAMITA HABITAT RESILIENCY	\$75,000	\$245,947	\$320,947	94
TOTAL:	\$175,000	\$397,202	\$572,202	1,344

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