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What is the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program?



Our program provides technical assistance and cost share incentives directly to private landowners to restore fish and wildlife habitats. Landowner participation is completely voluntary.

Who are our Partners?

Private Landowners and Other Partners

New Mexico Tribes
University of New Mexico
New Mexico State University
The Nature Conservancy of New Mexico
Ducks Unlimited
National Wild Turkey Federation
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
New Mexico Riparian Council
Quivira Coalition
Quail Unlimited
Local Watershed Associations
Local Soil and Water
Conservation Districts
Local Schools
Local Community Groups
And many, many more ...



Federal and State Partners

- USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service

 - Farm Service Agency

 - U.S. Forest Service

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Bureau of Reclamation

- Bureau of Indian Affairs

- Bureau of Land Management

- New Mexico State Land Office

- New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

- New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

- New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office

- New Mexico Environment Department



Who's Eligible?

Non Federal Lands

- Individual landowners, farms, and ranches
- Native American Tribal lands
- Private organizations
- Non-Profits
- Schools
- Cities and Counties property, but we cannot fund projects on State trust land

Terms of Agreement

- Cost Share of 25-50% - some can be in-kind services
- 25K per project, funding advanced or reimbursable
- 10 year agreement



Photo Credit: Alex Limkin

Benefit to our “Federal Trust Species”

listed and candidate species, migratory birds, declining
or “at risk” species of concern



Examples of Practices



Removing non-natives plants & preparing sites for planting native grasses, shrubs and trees.



Planting sites with native vegetation



Fencing sensitive areas to exclude livestock

In-Stream Restoration



Cross Vane



Wicker Weirs



One rock dams

Barrier and Invasive Fish Removal at Vermejo Park Ranch



TESF and Vermejo Ranch staff constructed fish barriers and removed invasive fish to help restore native fishes

Examples of Treatments



Burns: Setting back succession and removal of non-natives



Mechanical extraction
or aerial spraying of
non-native vegetation



Burro Cienaga Watershed Restoration



Partners assisted with funding for fencing, planting and erosion control structures and breaching berm

LPC Focus Area

Invasive Brush Control



Deferred Grazing



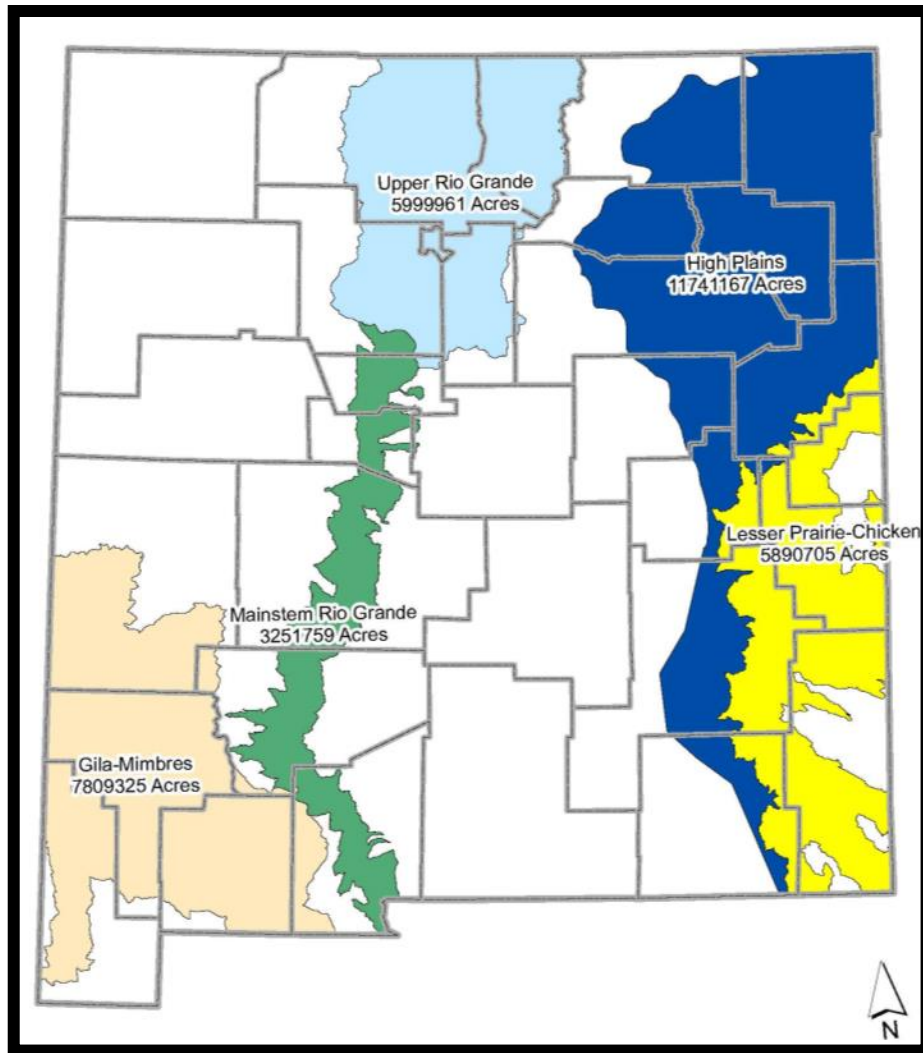
Deferred grazing on this pasture will improve lesser prairie-chicken nesting habitat.

Proposal Ranking Criteria

- Federal Trust Species habitat improved
- Percent cost-share: landowner & other non-Federal
- No. of habitat improvement practices
- Proximity to other restoration projects
- Cost/acre and Acres restored or enhanced
- Other partners involved in project activity or funds
- Focus Area project – specific criteria
 - Watershed Areas: missing habitat component, buffer area, tributary
 - LPC Area: near lek, rest pasture, nesting habitat

Geographic and Focus Areas in NM

selected with interagency group participation



- Riparian areas of the Gila and Mimbres, Rio Grande, watersheds.
- Upland areas- High Plains watershed.
- Lesser prairie-chicken habitat in eastern New Mexico.

What's the Process?

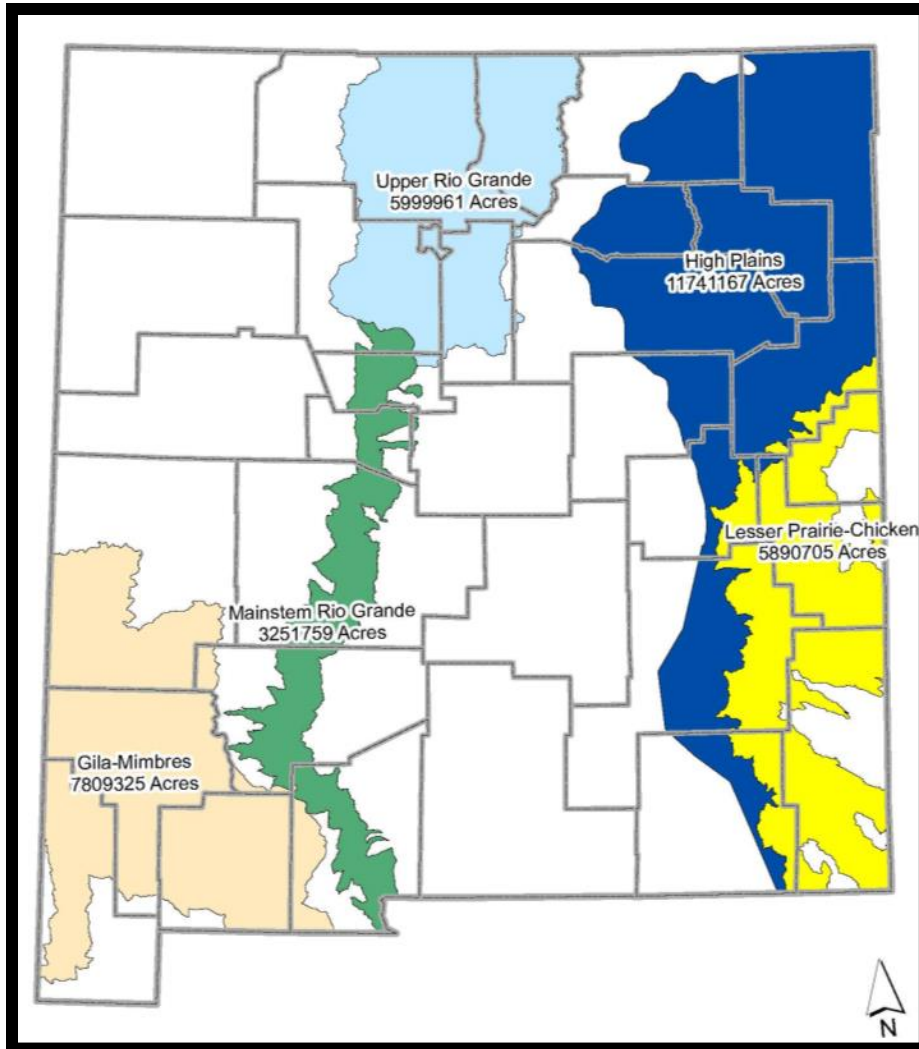


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Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program

- Focus: “Federal Trust Species”: listed species & candidate species, migratory birds, declining or “at risk” species, and State & Tribal species of concern
- Eligibility: Non-Federal, non-State-owned lands, such as private landowners, Tribes, municipal, private groups, schools, counties
- Cost Share: Match requirements- Nationally, 50% preferred (cash or in-kind, based on total project cost), in NM, $\geq 25\%$ preferred and projects with a greater landowner match rank higher
- Funding cycle: Project proposals are accepted throughout the fiscal year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30) for technical assistance, ranking, and selection. Available funds are obligated as projects are selected.
- Selection process: Projects compete at the State level