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ECOLOGICAL RESOTRATION OF THE RIO DE LOS PINOS

The Northern Rio Grande RC&D along with Adelante RC&D partnered in providing the San Miguel Ecological Group, (an organized group of private land owners along the Rio de Los Pinos) assistance in ecologically restoring approximately 5 miles of river ecosystem on contiguous private lands. The San Miguel Group set goals and objectives for the project and assisted with some grant writing. Both RC&D Councils provided assistance with planning grant administration, permit applications, bidding for and administering service provider contracts as well as networking with the NM Plant Materials Center, NRCS and New Mexico Environment Department. The buy-in was from the ground level with 12 land owners working with each other and both RC&D councils in planning and achieving their collective goals.

On the ground efforts:

Rock Deflectors



“J” hooks



Cross Veins



Riparian Fencing



Riparian Vegetation Transplantings



Fish Habitat Rocks



Trackhoe with “thumb” breaking ice for structure installation



Use of logs on high travel areas for stream bank stabilization



Project Funding:

- \$ 56,000 from New Mexico Environment (NMED) 2005—2007
- \$100,000 from River Ecosystems Restoration Initiative (RERI) 2007—2010
- \$150,000 from 319 grant funds (NMED) 2008 thru 2011
- \$155,000 from Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) (NRCS) 2009 thru 2012

Project Partners:

The list of partners includes Northern Rio Grande RC&D, Adelante RC&D, San Miguel Ecological Group, New Mexico Environment Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), New Mexico Plant Materials Center (NRCS)