

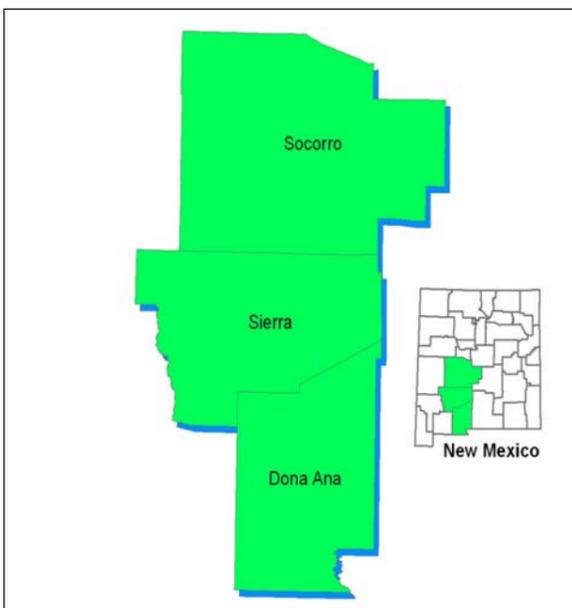
Jornada RC&D Resource

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Healing Waters Trail Project Builds 3-mile Trail

the NM State Parks Recreational Trails Program and in-kind from local project partners is \$23,500. The project has taken approximately 5 years from inception to funding and construction.

Extensive public involvement has taken place throughout the planning process and the National Park Service (NPS) was involved through a planning grant in 2007. A Cultural Landscape Report, Design Plan for the Trail, and Walk Ability Audit were completed with assistance from the NPS. In addition a conceptual wetland restoration plan was developed to improve one of the attractions along the trail.

active involvement and substantial volunteer time in order to reach the final goal. Along the way numerous opportunities were identified to improve the experience of hiking the trail as well as improve the historic and natural resources encountered in the area.



The Healing Waters Project was developed to construct a three-mile long recreational trail that connected the historic Hot Springs, wetlands, the Rio Grande and Veterans' Memorial Park in Truth or consequences, New Mexico.

Partners for this project include the City of Truth or Consequences; New Mexico State Parks; National Park Service; Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District; US Forest Service Black Range District; Hot Springs Spa Owners; Sierra Club; the Healing Waters Trail Committee; and the Jornada RC&D.

The cost for the project is \$117,344.00. Funding in the amount of \$93,844 was provided by

Outreach was extensive throughout the process with numerous public meetings, tours, and workshops being conducted.

The Healing Waters Trail Committee - consisting of all the partners, interested businesses, and the public - was formed to oversee the trail development. This project had tremendous support and



Hop Canyon Wildland Fire Fuels Mitigation Project Protects Landowners

Project was designed to improve forest health and provide wildfire protection on 150 acres of private lands with approximately 63 landowners near Magdalena, NM in Socorro County.

Project partners were New Mexico State Forestry, U.S. Forest Service Cibola National Forest – Magdalena Ranger Station, Local landowners, and the Hop canyon Volunteer Fire Department.

Project costs are \$169,600 of which the Jornada RC&D match is \$13,600. Project is funded through December 31st 2011. Five treatment plans have been written and roughly 20 acres completed.

Outreach was conducted through meetings with the Hop Canyon Volunteer Fire Department, Magdalena Ranger Station, and landowners. A direct mailing was also used to inform all landowners of the program. This was necessitated by the fact that many of the landowners are absentee landowners. Many of the landowners are not familiar with the risk of heavy fire fuel loads on their property. In order to help overcome this we are planning a wildfire risk assessment workshop this spring.