

## The Habitat Stamp Program

### What's it all about?

The New Mexico Habitat Stamp Program is a joint venture between sportsmen and the agencies that manage wildlife and their habitat. Each year licensed hunter, anglers and trapper, on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or U. S. Forest Service (USFS) lands, are required to purchase the stamp or validation from the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF). These funds are dedicated to habitat conservation and rehabilitation projects.

Projects are developed from agency planning documents and from public proposals. The responsible state and federal agencies review and submit refined proposals to a Citizens' Advisory Committee. Members of these committees represent sportspeople, ranchers, wildlife advocates, and other outdoor enthusiasts. The committees set project priorities. This final list is recommended to the N.M. State Game Commission for approval.

Project work is completed by the responsible agency. Numerous volunteer organization/individuals contribute expertise and labor during the work phase. The Habitat Stamp Program is not just for sportsmen. Anyone interested in New Mexico's wildlife and wildlife habitats is encouraged to purchase the validation and participate in helping wildlife where it counts. . . where wildlife lives.

Sierra Club volunteers participate in a fence-modification project at the (BLM) Rio Puerco Resource Area. (Central Region)



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# Your investment at work . . .

## Wetland, Waterway and Riparian Area Projects

Improvement of wetlands, waterways and riparian areas enhance habitat for the wildlife that lives both in and around wet environments.

- ◆ In-stream structures
- ◆ Bank Stabilization
- ◆ Riparian Plantings
- ◆ Riparian Enclosures
- ◆ Aquatic Sampling



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Log and rock structures create trout pools on the Aqua Chiquita, Lincoln National Forest. (Southeast Region)

## Vegetative Treatment Projects

Improvement of food, cover, and movement corridors is accomplished through a wide variety of projects, each designed to improve habitat.

- ◆ Prescribed Burns
- ◆ Brush Piles
- ◆ Chemical Application
- ◆ Cutting/Clearing
- ◆ Seeding



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A prescribed burn stimulates regrowth of vegetation, Six Mile Canyon Burn, Cibola National Forest. (Central Region)

## Water Developments

Providing dependable sources of water benefits all wildlife.

- ◆ Earth Tanks
- ◆ Seep and Spring Enhancement
- ◆ Storage Tanks
- ◆ Reservoir Expansion
- ◆ Maintenance of Existing Structures



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Water developments benefit deer and other wildlife at the Myers Canyon Trick Tank. Silver City Ranger District, Gila National Forest (Southwest Region)

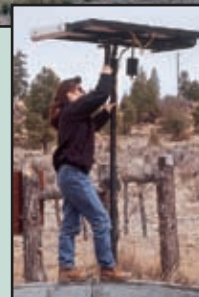


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AT RIGHT: This solar water well is one of many types of developments that bring water to wildlife. Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest (Northwest Region)

## Other Related Projects

There are numerous other Habitat Stamp projects being completed that have a more indirect effect on improving the quality of wildlife and habitat.

- ◆ Wildlife Census
- ◆ Species Reintroduction
- ◆ Road Management
- ◆ Fencing / Fence Modifications
- ◆ Law Enforcement

A Wild Turkey release on the Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest (Northwest Region)

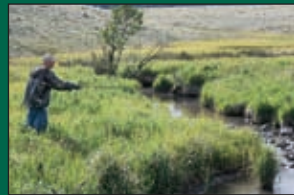


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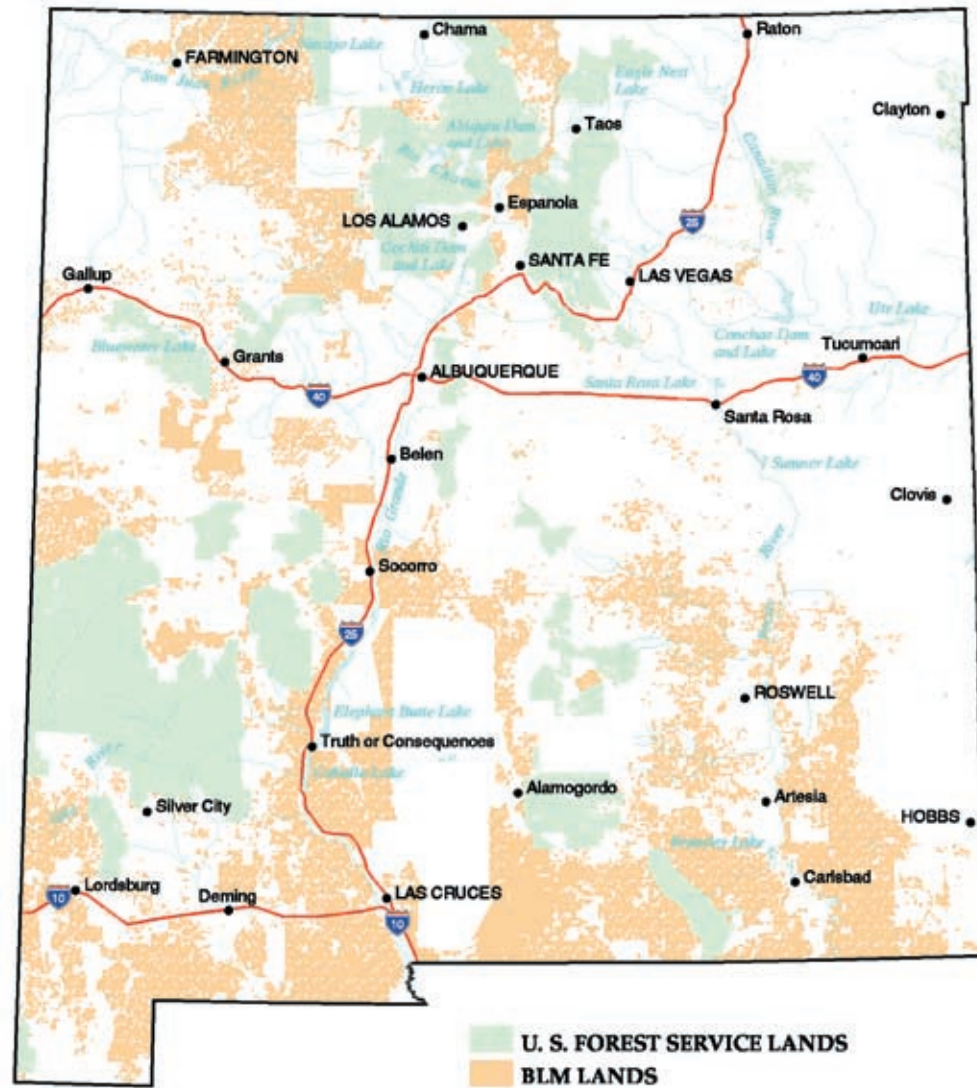
Road closure, or limiting access to roads, greatly improves the quality of habitat for wildlife. Areas behind closures are open to foot and horseback travel. Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest (Northwest Region)



# The Habitat Program Validation/Stamp is Required

of licensed sportspersons when Hunting, Fishing, or Trapping on BLM or U.S. Forest Service Lands.

\*Habitat Stamps are not required of anglers or trappers under age 12 or resident anglers over age 70.



Detailed maps are available at BLM or USFS offices.

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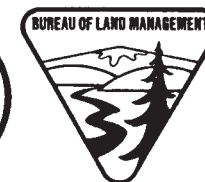
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