



# Conoco Lake (Loco Lagoon) Habitat Enhancement Project

## Background Information

- Loco Lagoon, also known as Conoco Lake, is a pond within the Carlsbad BLM field office area that is an oasis in the desert. The pond provides habitat for a variety of wildlife including bass, catfish, mule deer, ducks and other birds. Additionally, many migratory species utilize it as a stop-over site for food, water, and shelter. Funding is needed to complete tasks that would enhance the habitat at this site and provide a richer experience for recreationalists who visit the pond.
- Funding for this project would be utilized to do the following:
  - Reduce the density of encroaching cattails on the lake
  - Trimming of over grown trees
  - Planting of native trees such as cottonwoods and hackberry trees
  - Development of areas to allow fisherman better access to the water
  - Reclamation and seeding of a decommissioned road that is causing extreme sedimentation issues into the lake.

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### Proposed Management Action

- Between 10-30 Cottonwood trees and 10-30 hackberry trees would be planted around the pond. This would provide many benefits to wildlife. For example, the trees would serve as nesting habitat for birds, and would provide shade over the water depending on where they were placed, which would help regulate the water temperature for fish and other aquatic species. The overgrowth of cattails would be removed mechanically.
- Use of Funds:
  - \$4,000 cattail control
  - \$4,000 Tree Planting
  - \$5,000 Angler Access Development
  - \$21,000 Road Reclamation
- Google earth link

**Estimated Budget : \$34,000**

