

La Jara / Rio Fernando de Taos Wetland Restoration Project



Background Information

- The La Jara Canyon project is located in an important watershed at the headwaters of the Rio Grande. The valley bottom contains several miles of wet meadow and wetland habitats. The watershed has been negatively impacted by drought, over grazing and other management issues over the years, resulting in an incised and poorly functioning wetland system.
- These wetlands provide water and habitat for a variety of wildlife including elk, deer, and turkey.
- Restoration actions will focus on reconnecting the channel with the floodplain, improving wetland function, and increasing water levels in the Rio Fernando de Taos.
- This project is the final piece (project area 7) of a multi-year restoration project on the Rio Fernando. The work started in 2019 with restoration projects completed upstream of this project area.

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Proposed Management Action

- NMDGF, in collaboration with the Camino Real RD, Amigos Bravos, and TNC, will contract the installation of instream structures and livestock enclosure fence.
- Total implementation costs estimate for the project is \$300,000 which includes instream restoration and pipe fence construction.
- Tentative Project timeline is: Instream restoration completed by Oct 2022, Fence installation in Dec 2022/Jan 2023, project finalization/wrap-up by June 2023.

- Google earth link

Estimated Budget for HSP: \$300,000

