

The Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds 2012 Presidential Migratory Bird Federal Stewardship Award

Bureau of Land Management Restore New Mexico

Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds

The Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds, with members of federal agencies, works to ensure that each agency to which Executive Order 13186, "Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds" is applicable, successfully implements its migratory bird conservation responsibilities, as described in the Executive Order. The Presidential Migratory Bird Federal Stewardship Award annually recognizes a project or action conducted by or in partnership with a Federal agency that meets the intent and spirit of the Executive Order by focusing on migratory bird conservation.

Restore New Mexico

Restore New Mexico is an ambitious partnership to restore grasslands, woodlands and riparian areas to a healthy and productive condition. In 2005, the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) launched the Restore New Mexico initiative with the goal of restoring disturbed lands on a landscape scale through an ambitious partnership approach. Since then, Restore New Mexico has become a widely-successful restoration and reclamation program involving numerous agencies, organizations, ranchers and industry groups.



restore grasslands, woodlands and riparian areas to a healthy and productive condition. In 2005, the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) launched the Restore New Mexico

A model for rangeland conservation in the western United States, the Restore program has treated more than 1.8 million acres of impaired habitat, starting the transition to healthy, ecological states. The BLM, along with its partners, is rapidly approaching the two millionth acre treated milestone.

The major goal of Restore New Mexico is to reduce existing invasive and noxious species and thus allow more desirable vegetative species to flourish. This, in turn, will benefit the watershed by stabilizing soil and ultimately increase forb, grass and favorable shrub production, resulting in increased and improved habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Treating mesquite and creosote to allow the return of native prairie vegetation, creating healthy, vibrant ecosystems that benefit wildlife and people



Before



After

Healthier Habitats

Healthier habitats, the pre- and post-monitoring being conducted, the scientific studies underway, and the application of adaptive management to assure positive outcomes for migratory birds all point to positive national and international benefits from the restoration and reclamation work being done Restore New Mexico. Studies to verify the positive impact to the conservation of migratory birds are beginning to show tangible benefits.

Restore partners include soil and water conservation districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program), the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, industry groups, ranchers and other private landowners.



Co-applicants for the award are US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information:

Restore New Mexico - www.blm.gov/nm/restore
Council for the Conservation of Migratory Birds - www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CCMB.htm