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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS LAND TO NEW MEXICO
FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PURPOSES

The Department of the Interior announced today that approximately 2,750 acres of land acquired by the Federal Government has been transferred to the State of New Mexico for wildlife conservation. The land, in Rio Arriba County, replaces big-game habitat lost by flooding in the Navajo Unit of the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Storage Project.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said authority to acquire land and transfer it to States in the public interest was provided by Congress in the Colorado River Storage Project Act of 1956.

The conveyance to New Mexico is the first of several such transfers. Land being acquired in Utah to replace big-game habitat lost through the flooding in the Flaming Gorge Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project also will be conveyed to Utah for wildlife conservation use.

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