



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Request for Proposals

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in New Mexico

Come join the growing number of private landowners, Native American Tribes, and others who have restored fish and wildlife habitat on their land in New Mexico, with the help of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program!



Partners Program project near Raton
Photograph by Nancy D. Riley/USFWS

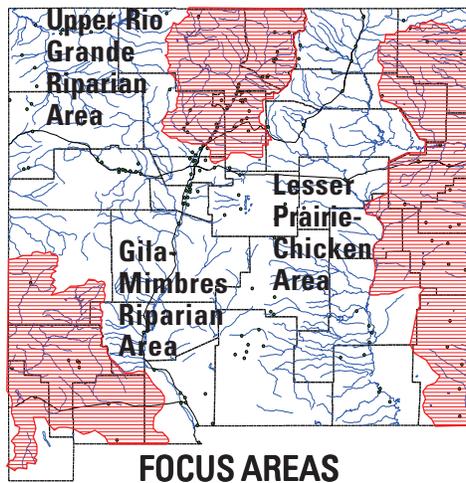
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting project proposals for funding by the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (Partners Program) in New Mexico for Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007). Restoration activities that may be funded include, but are not limited to, the following habitat types: riparian areas, in-stream areas, wetlands, and uplands. Funded projects may include control of invasive plants and replanting with native vegetation.

Projects that provide outdoor classrooms for schools and communities are also encouraged.

General Information

The Partners Program is a voluntary partnership program that provides technical and financial assistance to non-Federal landowners to improve fish and wildlife habitats for Federal trust species (e.g., threatened, endangered, and candidate species, migratory birds, and other declining species). With over 50 percent of New Mexico in private ownership, there are ample opportunities for habitat restoration on private land.

Private landowners generally provide 25 percent of the cost-share funding and/or in-kind services (labor, maintenance, and materials). One-to-one cost share often is achieved by partnering with a host of nationally-based and local partners with wildlife habitat funding programs and technical expertise.



Geographical Focus Areas

Three geographical areas within the State have been identified based on habitat and fish and wildlife species needs to receive priority ranking for well-qualified projects. These Focus Areas are displayed on the map above as the:

Gila-Mimbres Riparian Area, Upper Rio Grande Riparian Area, and the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Area.



Lesser prairie-chicken chick
Photograph by: Dawn Davis/NM Dept. of Game and Fish

If you have questions or would like to apply for funding from the Partners Program please visit our website at:

http://www.fws.gov/ifw2es/NewMexico/PFW_home.cfm

or contact:

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Complete applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Partners Program staff using criteria developed specifically for New Mexico. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions after our office receives our 2007 funding allocation.

Applications must be postmarked no later than January 19, 2007.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Site visit with landowner
Photograph by: Maureen Murphy/USFWS

