



# DRAFT Citizen Advisory Committee 2021 Prioritized Project Tracking

Public Land User Stamp 19.34.6

In 2021, the Citizen Advisory Committee held two separate prioritization meetings. The first meeting took place in July of 2021, while the second meeting occurred in November of 2021. The second meeting was unique in that the projects that were prioritized were designed solely for the benefit of fish and aquatic habitat. In total, the budget available between the two prioritizations was \$3,250,000.

In the August meeting a total of 26 projects were prioritized, with one project being removed from consideration after a CAC vote (seven springs cut and pile). In total, 18 of those projects were implemented successfully, resulting in thousands of acres of forest restoration through thinning and prescribed burns, improved wildlife habitat connectivity through installation of wildlife friendly fencing across several miles of public lands, wildlife water installations, erosion control and off highway vehicle management.

In November, a second special prioritization meeting was held in order to prioritize large, landscape scale fish habitat projects. This fish project prioritization was implemented because of the new condition that a minimum of 50% of habitat stamp funds benefit fish habitat, as per the recently renewed public land user stamp rule. In total, eight projects were brought forward, with one removed from consideration following a CAC vote (Polvadera Creek). Implementation of these projects spanned three state fiscal years. In total, five of the prioritized projects were implemented. The Hondo Tribs Slip Liner project was canceled due to the inability of the NMDOT to execute their portion of the project. Chihuahueros Creek was canceled by the USFS due to logistical problems. The five completed projects resulted in significantly improved fish habitat that will enhance angler opportunities.



**Table 1. FY22 Habitat Stamp Projects and budget expenditures. The surplus will carryover for FY25 Habitat Stamp Projects that are prioritized by the CAC. (F) or (W) in the Project Name column indicates if the project was designated as a Fish Project (F) or a Wildlife Project (W). In FY22, the initial budget for Habitat Stamp funds was \$750,000**

Project Name	CAC Rank	Federal Partner	Initial Estimate	FY22 Expenditures	Status
Vidal Creek Restoration (F)	1	Carson NF	\$100,000	\$100,000.00	Completed
National Forest RX Burn (W)	2	USFS	\$100,000	\$132,227.68	Completed
Carson Riparian Restoration (F)	3	Carson NF	\$50,000	\$49,999.33	Completed
Big Bear Riparian Improvement (W)	4	Lincoln NF	\$20,000	\$19,959.98	Completed
Taos BLM Netwire Fence Mod (W)	5	Taos BLM	\$40,000	\$40,000.00	Completed
Elk Springs ACEC Fence (W)	6	Rio Puerco BLM	\$15,000	\$15,000.00	Completed
Kiowa HSP thins and burns (W)	7	Cibola NF	\$7,500	\$3,523.83	Completed
Infrastructure Replacement (W)	8	Socorro BLM	\$70,000	\$74,326.00	Completed
Benado Gap (W)	9	Lincoln NF	\$26,000	\$26,000.00	Completed
High Chupadera Mtn Thin (W)	10	Socorro BLM	\$50,000	\$50,000.00	Completed
Mt Taylor Fence Mod (W)	11	Santa Fe NF	\$25,000	\$0.00	Cancelled
Seven Springs Cut and Pile (W)	11	Santa Fe NF	\$0	\$0.00	Cancelled
Macho Landscape (W)	12	Roswell BLM	\$70,000	\$69,991.00	Completed
Milner Lake Planting (W)	13	Roswell BLM	\$10,000	\$5,157.00	Completed
Chain of Craters Thin (W)	14	Rio Puerco BLM	\$25,000	\$24,999.66	Completed
Chupadera Mesa Thin (W)	15	Socorro BLM	\$40,000	\$39,999.89	Completed
Erosion control (W)	16	Carlsbad BLM	\$9,000	\$4,674.00	Completed
East Magdalena Upland Thin (W)	17	Socorro BLM	\$50,000	\$50,000.00	Completed
Taylor Game Water (W)	18	Socorro BLM	\$28,000	\$28,000.00	Completed
BLM Maintenance (W)	19	BLM	\$93,750	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
Cerro Guzzler Replacement (W)	20	Socorro BLM	\$28,000	\$14,500.00	Completed
Black River Shrub Treatment (W)	21	Carlsbad BLM	\$39,000	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
USFS Maintenance (W)	22	USFS	\$93,750	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
Pelona Mountain Upland Thin	23	Socorro BLM	\$50,000	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
Macho Erosion Control (W)	24	Roswell BLM	\$20,000	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
Corrupa Creek (W)	25	Cibola NF	\$5,000	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
Boss Tank Rebuild (W)	26	Carlsbad BLM	\$19,000	\$0.00	Insufficient Funds
				\$748,358.37	





**Table 1. FY22 November Special Prioritization Habitat Stamp Projects and budget expenditures. The surplus will carryover for Habitat Stamp Projects that are prioritized by the CAC and are designated as a fish project. (F) or (W) in the Project Name column indicates if the project was designated as a Fish Project (F) or a Wildlife Project (W). In this meeting, the budget for Habitat Stamp funds was \$2,500,000**

Project Name	CAC Rank	Federal Partner	Initial Estimate	FY22 Expenditures	FY23 Expenditures	FY24 Expenditures	Status
Willow Creek (F)	1	Gila National Forest	\$1,000,000	\$14,627.46	\$133,734.41	\$1,167,827.64	Complete
Costilla River (F)	1	Carson National Forest	\$500,000	\$45,861.98	\$0.00	\$503,981.67	Complete
Commanche Creek (F)	1	Carson National Forest	\$300,000	\$0.00	\$157,497.49	\$0.00	Complete
Rio Hondo Tribs (F)	1	Carson National Forest	\$100,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Cancelled by NMDOT
Upper Rio San Antonio / Lagunitas (F)	1	Carson National Forest	\$280,000	\$8,645.00	\$0.00	\$294,630.00	Complete
Chihuahuenos Creek (F)	2	Santa Fe National Forest	\$133,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Cancelled by USFS
San Antonio Creek (F)	2	Santa Fe National Forest	\$150,000	\$121,565.00	\$37,360.00	\$0.00	Complete
Polvadera Creek (F)	X	Santa Fe National Forest	\$250,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Removed from consideration by CAC
				190,699.44	328,591.90	1,966,439.31	

