



Rio Abajo

Property Disposal

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New Mexico State Game Commission Meeting

Socorro, NM



Rio Abajo Property History

- Purchased: 2009
- Property is 192 acres
- Owned in conjunction with Valencia County Soil and Water Conservation District.
- Purchased with State funds under the authority of the Natural Lands Protection Act.



Legend
Current Boundary

0 485 970 1,940 Feet





Rio Abajo Issues

- Cultural Resources
- Limited wildlife habitat potential.
- Access to the Rio Grande.
- Water rights.
- Utility right of way. (*PNM high voltage line*)
- Urban encroachment.

Termination of Ownership

- Split Ownership of Property. State Game Commission would retain 47.41% or 92.8 acres.
- The State Game Commission would retain all cultural resources per 18-6-1 through 11NMSA 1978.



Questions?

Potential Disposal of the Rio Abajo Property

- A interest in purchasing the area holding Cultural resources has been expressed by the Pueblo of Isleta based on ancestral affiliation.
- The Archaeological Conservancy could be approached to potentially purchase the partitioned property.
- The Valencia Campus of UNM could be approached as to take possession of the property
- *(All future stewards of the property because of the Cultural Resources on site must have a cultural resource manager and a cultural resource management plan. This is to detour a determination of adverse effect to the given resources by the State Historic Preservation Officer.)*