



## Bosque Ecosystem Restoration @ Route 66

Background: This project is authorized by Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. The purpose of the study is to determine the advisability of undertaking environmental restoration measures to improve the Rio Grande Bosque from the I-40 bridge downstream to where Bridge Street crosses the river. The feasibility study began in FY 2002. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District is acting as the non-Federal sponsor for this project.

Current Activities: The feasibility study for the project is currently underway and should be completed in the fall of 2003. The feasibility study will include documentation of the NEPA process and a cost estimate of any plan that is recommended. Bohannon Huston, Inc., Sites Southwest, and Blue Earth Ecological Consultants have been contracted by the Corps of Engineers to complete the feasibility study. The study will look at measures to improve the eco-system of the bosque through measures that include, but are not limited to the following: removal of unnecessary jetty jacks, removal of non-native plant species, planting of native species, habitat for endangered species, fuel reduction measures, and recreation features.

Future Activities: The public meetings scheduled for the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Project, will also be utilized to report and collect comments on this project also Construction of any recommended measures will begin in FY 2005.



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