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FEDS PROPOSE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS NEAR HISTORIC BUCKMAN TOWNSITE

ESPANOLA, NM – The Santa Fe National Forest Española Ranger District in cooperation with the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and the Bureau of Land Management Taos Field Office are proposing recreation and habitat restoration projects in the vicinity of the historic Buckman townsite near the Rio Grande and nearby Diablo Canyon.

The Rio Grande Corridor at Buckman and Diablo Canyon are places of significant New Mexico history, inspiring vistas, and exciting recreational opportunities, such as hiking, biking, climbing, and horseback riding. The Rio Grande Corridor at Buckman also contains the Buckman Direct Diversion facility, which provides drinking water to the residents of Santa Fe County and the city of Santa Fe. Considering the increased, multi-use characteristics of the project area, there is a need to improve the setting of the Buckman and Diablo Canyon areas, both on Forest Service and BLM lands.

The Proposed Action and Alternatives for 30-Day Comment by the public for the Rio Grande Corridor at Buckman Restoration and Recreation Enhancement Project is posted on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe/>, and is located at the district office, 1710 N. Riverside Dr., Espanola, NM.

