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## Eagle Springs Aquatic / Wetland Habitat Enhancement Project Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species Program FY2012 Accomplishments Cibola National Forest, Southwestern Region

**State:** New Mexico

**Congressional District:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Accomplishments:**

- Created refugia pond for future reintroduction of the Threatened Chiricahua leopard frog.
- 1 acre of aquatic/wetland habitat was protected and enhanced with construction of a metal post and rail fence.

**Forest Service Contribution:** \$19,600

**Partner Contribution:** \$6,500

**Project Costs:** \$20,000

**External Partners:**

The Interagency Chiricahua Leopard Frog Recovery Team and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation.

This wetland enhancement project brought together numerous partners to protect and enhance habitat for the Threatened Chiricahua leopard frog. A metal rail fence was constructed around the wetland and a small pond was deepened to create suitable habitat for a future leopard frog reintroduction.

This project will provide additional habitat in the eastern most area of this species range. Refugia areas protect genetic diversity of isolated populations so that if one area is devastated by disease or a catastrophic event, the population can be reestablished with individuals from the original population.



*Interagency partners deepen a pool to enhance habitat for the Chiricahua leopard frog in central New Mexico.*



*A metal rail fence provides protection of the wetland habitat.*

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