

Riparian Restoration for Watershed Scale Projects on the Cibola National Forest

2006 Accomplishments

The purpose of this project is to establish a source of plant materials at the NRCS Plant Materials Center at Los Lunas, New Mexico for the Cibola National Forest. These plant materials consist of native riparian trees, shrubs and wetland plants that are ecotypes indigenous to areas undergoing watershed and ecosystem restoration. Containerized materials are from seed collected by the US Forest Service. Some of the seedlings produced have been installed in pole production blocks at the PMC to provide a long-term source of dormant pole cuttings.

In 2006 NRCS

- Propagated from seed 1600 seedlings in 10-in Super cells, @ \$1.50 each = \$2,400
- Transplanted 1370 previous year seedlings into 1 gallon treepots @ \$5 each = \$6,850
- Produced 1400 trial quantities of wetland plants in 4 in. pine cells @ \$0.50 each = \$700
- Planted 2050 poles on 1.1 acres of production blocks at a total cost of \$5,885



Pole production block of Mills Canyon cottonwood seedlings planted July, 2006.



Mills Canyon cottonwood (left front), peachleaf willow and coyote willow transplanted in one-gallon treepots in late August, 2006

Year Awarded: 2005
Project completion: 2008

Report number: 2 of 4

Expenditures: FY 05 \$12,722

- **FY06 \$19,031,**
- Remaining \$57,247

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