

RESTORATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Questa Mine Site | Questa, New Mexico

Public Meeting November 2017

BACKGROUND

The Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment (RP/EA) presents the restoration projects that the Trustees have identified to compensate for natural resource injuries due to the releases of hazardous substances from the Questa Mine Site. This is separate from, but related to, the primary cleanup actions that the United States Environmental Protection Agency has conducted.

At this meeting, the natural resource trustees for this site will:

- Provide information on Natural Resource Damage Assessment.
- Discuss the draft RP/EA.
- Provide a forum for answering questions.

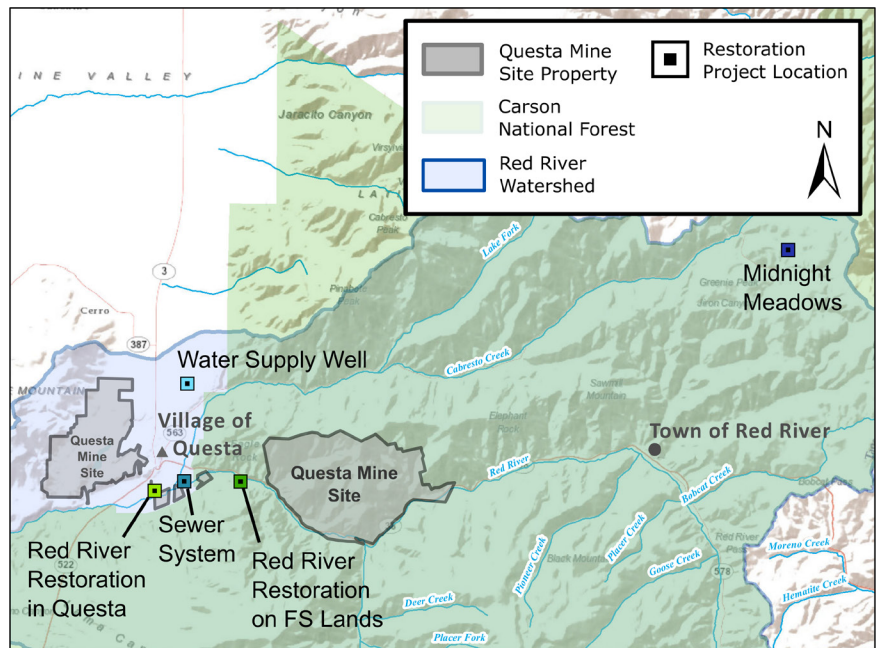
The Trustees are proposing to implement five separate projects in the Red River watershed at this time (see right). Projects include three aquatic habitat and wetland restoration projects, a new municipal water supply, and sewer system improvements.

NEXT STEPS

Once the comment period is complete, the following steps will occur:

1. Revise the RP/EA based on public comments.
2. Finalize and release the final RP/EA.
3. Plan and implement restoration.

Updates will be posted on the Office of Natural Resources Trustee website (see Online Information at right).



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public involvement is an important component in every Natural Resource Damage Assessment. The Trustees encourage you to review and provide comments on the draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment.

The public comment period began on **November 17, 2017** and ends on **December 18, 2017**.

Please provide comments by email to nmesfo@fws.gov with "Questa Mine Site RP/EA" in the subject line, along with your name and mailing address. Comments can also be submitted in writing to:

New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office
United States Fish and Wildlife Service
2105 Osuna Rd NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113

Online Information

For more information on Natural Resource Damage Assessments in the State of New Mexico and for an electronic copy of the RP/EA, please visit <https://onrt.env.nm.gov/>

