

**GROUNDWATER AND AQUATIC HABITAT RESTORATION  
FOR THE QUESTA MINE NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE SETTLEMENT**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL INFORMATION GUIDELINES**

**Please provide the following information, to the extent possible, for proposed groundwater and aquatic habitat restoration projects to: Will Fetner, NM Office of Natural Resources Trustee, 121 Tijeras Avenue NE, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102; email [william.fetner@state.nm.us](mailto:william.fetner@state.nm.us). Project proposals should be limited to 20 pages and need to be received or postmarked by August 1, 2016 for evaluation in the draft restoration plan/environmental assessment. Proposals can be submitted electronically either on CD or via email (preferred methods) or by submitting a hard copy to the address above.**

**If you have questions, please contact Rebecca Neri Zagal at the Office of Natural Resources Trustee, George Dennis at the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sarah Schlanger at US Bureau of Land Management or Greg Miller/Jack Lewis at Carson National Forest (contact information below).**

1. General project description
  - a. As part of the project description, provide information on the project location, land ownership, the length of time for project design, planning and implementation, and who would plan and implement the project.
  - b. Identify the demographics served.
  - c. Identify the consequences if the project is not implemented.
2. Project size
  - a. Provide pertinent size estimates to give an understanding of the scale of the project. As examples, if your project involves construction of a wastewater collection system, identify the number of homes serviced. If your project involves improvements to a stream, describe the length and acreage of the stream being restored and the type of flora and fauna likely being affected by the project.
3. Cost of project implementation
  - a. Provide costs for project design, planning and implementation including labor, materials, equipment and any other additional costs that would be incurred such as cultural surveys.
  - b. Provide contingency costs and New Mexico gross receipts tax.
4. Longevity and maintenance needs
  - a. Describe the longevity of the project once implementation or installation is completed.
  - b. Describe the operation and maintenance needs and costs once project implementation is completed. Identify the entity, such as a town or organization, that would assume operation and maintenance responsibility and cost.
5. Groundwater benefits
  - a. Explain how the project would benefit groundwater. For example does the project: 1) conserve groundwater by reducing use of groundwater or providing an alternative source of water; 2) protect groundwater from future pollution; 3) increase groundwater recharge; 4) remove contaminants already existing in groundwater.
  - b. Quantify the groundwater benefits described in the response to 5a.
  - c. Identify other benefits, in addition to groundwater benefits, associated with the project.

6. Aquatic habitat benefits
  - a. Explain how the project would benefit aquatic habitat. For example does the project: 1) Conserve, restore, or enhance existing aquatic habitat or surface waters, 2) Benefit the biota including fish in surface waters.
  - b. Quantify the aquatic habitat benefits described in the response to 6a.
  - c. Identify other benefits, in addition to aquatic habitat benefits, associated with the project.
7. Funding
  - a. Indicate if there are other sources of funding to implement the project and when that funding would become available.
  - b. Indicate if there is additional funding or in-kind contributions that could be used to leverage restoration funds.

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