

# RECLAMATION

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### **Environmental Assessment**



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## **Mission Statements**

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The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

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### Abstract

The US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) prepared this Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the environmental and socioeconomic impacts from entering into a long-term lease with the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) for use of ground water rights to supplement flows in the Pecos River near Ft. Sumner, New Mexico. The action is needed to provide Reclamation with the operational flexibility to meet a target flow of 35 cubic feet per second at Taiban Gage and to keep the river continuous for the irrigation season of 2007 and beyond. Based on the analysis, the proposed action would not result in any significant impacts to the environment.

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