

# Restore

*re·store, vt, 1. to return something to its proper owner or place; 2. to bring something back to an earlier and better condition; 3. to give somebody new strength or vigor; 4. to reestablish or put back something that was once but is no longer there. Encarta® World English Dictionary © 1999*

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“Where once mesquite brushes choked out the natural grasses, and where abandoned oil and gas sites were an eyesore and a threat to the habitats of the lesser prairie chicken and sand dune lizard, the land – through the restorative efforts – appears to be healthy and thriving.”

– Carlsbad Current-Argus

## Lands Worth Protecting

*Restore New Mexico is an aggressive partnership to restore woodlands, grasslands and riparian areas to a healthy and productive condition.*

New Mexico is a place of timeless beauty and abundant natural resources. About a third of our state's land – just over 26 million acres – is federally owned. The Bureau of Land Management manages half of this total plus all

federally owned minerals in the state.



**The BLM manages over 13.4 million acres of public land for you in New Mexico.**

These lands are worth protecting! And where they have been disturbed by development, erosion and recreational uses we must work together to restore them.

As a neighbor to state and private landowners the BLM is working with all New Mexicans to sustain and improve the health and productivity of these lands. Today, we're building on previous partnerships to focus on restoring landscapes across the state.

This has been one of the best programs that I've been involved in.”

– Rancher Jim Richardson



Caliche-packed roads can be reclaimed and restored. This restoration took place in one summer growing season. Caliche is a layer of calcium carbonate formed in the soils of semi-arid regions.

“As old caliche roads disappear and are replaced with native grasses, forbes and flowers, wildlife that relies on unfragmented habitat benefits dramatically. This program gives me hope for species like the lesser prairie chicken.”

– Martin Heinrich

## What is Restore New Mexico?

Restore New Mexico is an aggressive partnership to restore woodlands, grasslands and riparian areas to a healthy and productive condition. We are working with partners on all land ownership types (state, private and federal) and involving communities, agencies, industry, organizations, and private citizens who want to pitch in. Doing this takes vision and teamwork ... and the rewards are great!

Our focus is on large-scale restoration efforts, dealing primarily with invasive and exotic brush species, including mesquite, juniper, creosote and salt cedar. We're also working with the oil and gas industry to reclaim lands impacted by historic oil and gas development. Reclamation treatments will focus on repairing

impacted habitat, erosion, and invasive plants that have resulted from decades of mineral development.

## Why Restore New Mexico?

Restoring landscapes enhances our state's fish and wildlife, helps recover sensitive species and protects the outdoor values and way of life that make our state so unique.

Over the years, oil and gas development in the Permian and San Juan Basins, and numerous other land uses across the state – combined with New Mexico's rapidly expanding population – has fragmented habitat for wildlife, and especially special status species. We've also seen an expansion of invasive plant species, degraded water quality due to erosion, and an increased threat from catastrophic wildfires

to wildlife habitat and communities bordering our public lands.

## Key Goals

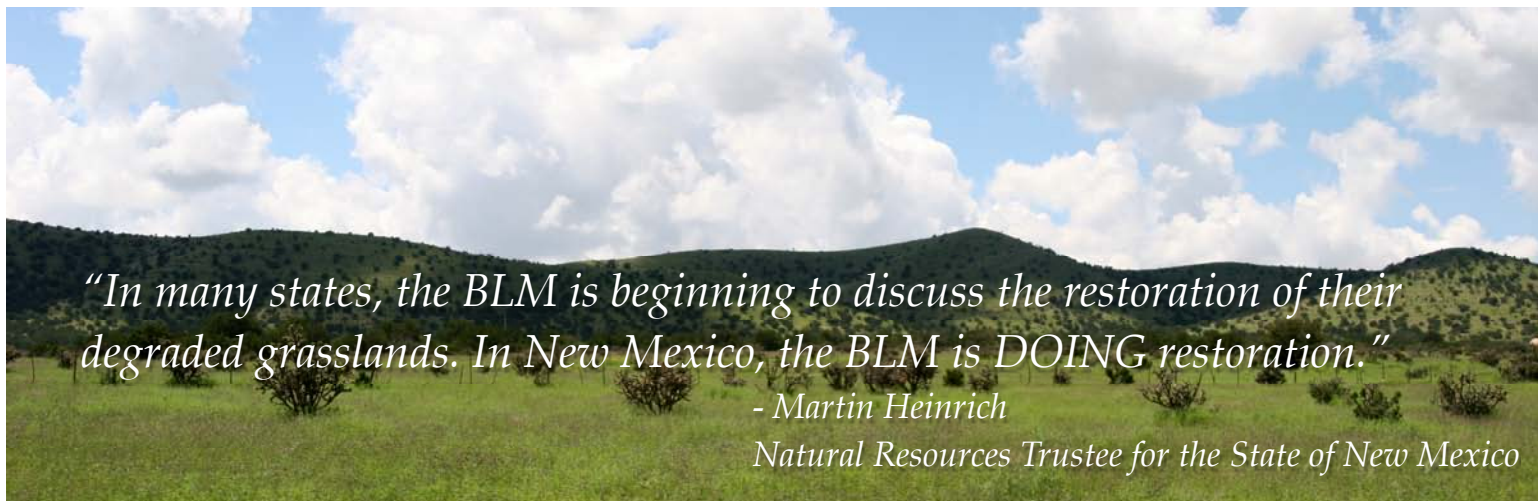
Restore habitat for fish, wildlife and endangered species

Reverse the expansion of invasive plant species

Reverse habitat fragmentation from historic oil and gas development and ensure responsible energy development

Improve water quality

Reduce impacts from catastrophic wildfire



*“In many states, the BLM is beginning to discuss the restoration of their degraded grasslands. In New Mexico, the BLM is DOING restoration.”*

*- Martin Heinrich*

*Natural Resources Trustee for the State of New Mexico*

## What’s been done so far and what will the future bring?

In 2006, BLM and its partners restored and reclaimed 145,000 acres of public land, mainly in southeastern New Mexico. Within the next two years, we hope to restore and reclaim 250,000 acres of public land statewide each year, and with our partners, achieve a goal of 500,000 acres per year that would include public, state and

private lands. We can’t do it without you!

## How can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved in Restore New Mexico. Landowners and other agency employees can contact the BLM (any field office or the State Office in Santa Fe) or its partners for further information. Conservation groups are working with BLM on specific habitat improvement

projects; contact BLM or your group to see how you can participate or otherwise support their work. The key is to be creative ... you can also help us reach out to new partners. Also, think landscapes and ask ‘why not’ instead of ‘why’!

“We are delighted and we will continue to support this program.”

– Marathon Oil Company

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## Working with a diverse group of partners

# Restore New Mexico Partners

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Conservation  
Districts

USDA - Natural  
Resources  
Conservation Service

Electric Utility  
Cooperatives

New Mexico Soil and  
Water Conservation  
Districts

New Mexico  
State Land Office

Conservation Groups,  
including Quail  
Unlimited, Rocky  
Mountain Elk  
Foundation, and  
National Turkey  
Federation

Private Landowners,  
including BLM grazing  
permittees

New Mexico  
Department of  
Game & Fish

Oil & Gas Companies,  
including Marbob  
Energy, Marathon Oil  
and Devon Energy  
Corporations