

Work Task E16: Conservation Area Site Selection

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Purpose:	To prepare restoration proposals and consistently identify, screen, and rank potential restoration projects to determine which conservation areas will be included in the LCR MSCP to accomplish the established habitat acreage goals.
Conservation Measures:	Habitat development targeting covered species that use cottonwood/willow, honey mesquite and marsh habitats.
Long-term Goal(s):	Identify and prioritize conservation areas to develop the most cost effective areas to fulfill the habitat creation requirements of the LCR MSCP.
Location:	Reaches 1-7 of the LCR.
FY2006 Estimate:	\$200,000 for Reclamation staff.
FY2007 Estimate:	\$100,000. Same as previous year.
FY2008 Estimate:	\$75,000. Same as previous year.
Project Description:	The screening process will identify sites as early as possible to allow smooth integration into the program. Reclamation will coordinate with land owners to identify potential sites and prepare restoration proposals. After the site has been identified, Reclamation will work with the landowner to draft a proposal which addresses the goals of the LCR MSCP and perform limited site specific sampling in support of the proposal. This will allow adequate information to be collected for the proposal so the proposal can be evaluated. Screening process will be reviewed by the Steering

Committee prior to application. A study plan is available.