

A wide landscape photograph of a grassy plain with mountains in the background under a cloudy sky. The foreground is filled with tall, golden-brown grasses. In the middle ground, there's a vast, flat plain with a small, dark structure in the distance. The background features a range of dark, forested mountains under a sky filled with large, white and grey clouds.


New Mexico Trout Conservation Program

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Our Mission Statement Defines Our Conservation Objectives

New Mexico Trout is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of trout fishing in New Mexico's waters through restoration of riparian habitats and through the education of the public about trout fishing and the value of trout habitats



We focus on maintenance and restoration of natural riparian habitats

- Volunteer work
- Financial contributions
- Advocacy
- Endangered species protection and restoration
- Support of scientific studies

We need volunteers in all of these areas

Highlights from last year's projects include:

Late April: Rio Guadalupe cleanup



These NM Trout volunteers picked up many truckloads of trash along FR 376 above the Gilman tunnels

May: Members' BBQ and project work on Rio Cebolla



Before: Vehicles were moving the buck and pole barrier and driving down to the creek



A power auger dug the holes for the posts



About 30 volunteers helped install bollards to restrict vehicle access to overused areas along the Rio Cebolla

May: Members' BBQ and project work on Rio Cebolla



Lunch break of Rudy's BBQ with all the trimmings



Completed project after a productive day's work

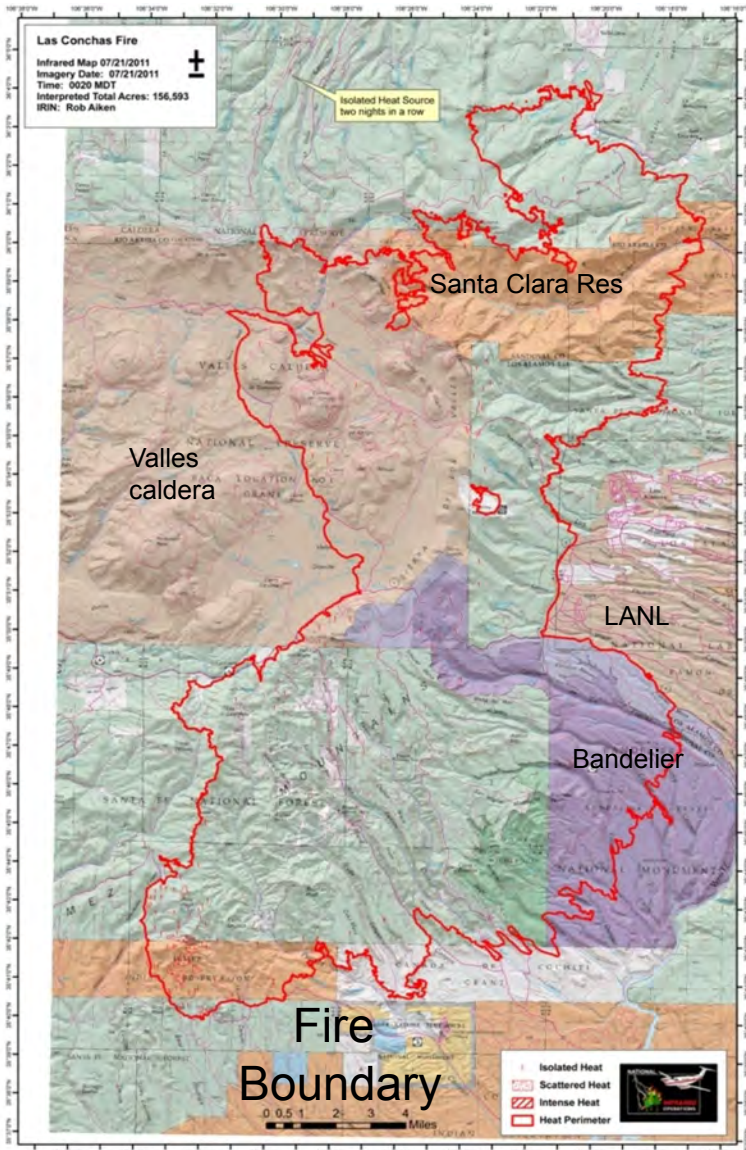
May and October: Counting trout on streams in the Valles Caldera



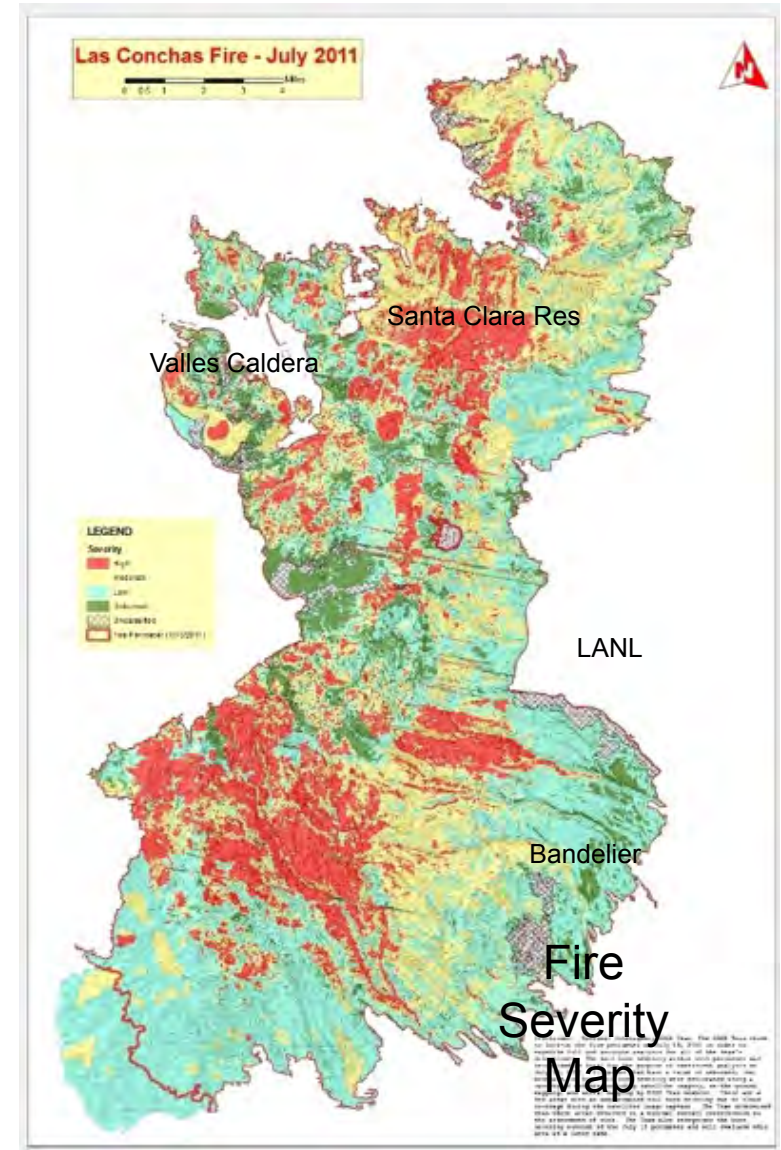
NM Trout volunteers helped with measurement of fish captured by electro shocking



July 2011: The massive Las Conchas fire forced changes in our project schedule



- Streams on east side of Jemez severely affected
- Floods from late summer rains made canyons too dangerous
- Areas are still closed because of hazards
- 2012 work depends on access



September: Repairing fences to restrict trespass cattle on the upper Rio Cebolla



Volunteers: please get your USFS appreciation certificate at the registration desk



October: Installing interpretive panels along the Rio Guadalupe above the Gilman tunnels



Your donations paid for fabricating the panels and their frames

At the end of each season we thank our volunteers
with a prize drawing

Each volunteer- day receives one ticket in the drawing

This year's winners

\$100 Dennis Clarke

\$100 Jim Rosel

\$100 Brian Mulrey

See Lee Widgren at the registration desk for your awards



Because of the Las Conchas fire, part of our 2012 conservation schedule is still being negotiated

Scheduled

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| June 2 | Annual NMT conservation barbeque. Extension of Rio Cebolla vehicle exclusion work, interpretive panel installation |
| July 14 | Cattle fencing on the upper Rio Cebolla |
| Sept 8 | Repair/build cattle exclosure on Rio San Antonio just downstream of the Valles Caldera west boundary |

Tentative

- habitat improvement on the Rio de los Indios in the Valles Caldera
- help evaluate fire damage on the Rio del Oso, Peralta, and Capulin creeks
- help with identifying and GPS marking failing in-stream log structures on the Rio Cebolla and San Antonio



See website www.newmexicotrout.org for schedule updates.

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Come join us on some of this year's
conservation projects