

New Mexico Trout Conservation Program



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Conservation Chairman

New Mexico Trout Conclave, February 7, 2015

Rio Guadalupe below Gilman Tunnels

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

Work in all of these areas furthers our mission

Last April we held our annual cleanup of the Rio Guadalupe corridor from the Gilman Tunnels to Porter's Landing



Our remaining 2014 volunteer projects were cancelled by the endangered species listing of the NM Meadow Jumping Mouse



- The mouse lives along mountain meadow streams, such as the Rio Cebolla
- Uncontrolled cattle grazing has severely degraded much jumping mouse habitat
- The Forest Service is required by law to develop a recovery plan
- Many FS staff have been diverted to jumping mouse planning
- This formal process is underway and will take at least the next year and a half



The FS has closed mouse habitat to cattle and people No restoration projects until recovery plans are finished



Recovery on one Rio Cebolla meadow has been dramatic in just one season



Whatever helps the jumping mouse benefits trout



We have planned some significant projects for 2015

April 11	Rio Guadalupe corridor cleanup
March 28 Abiquiu	Catch and release workshop on the Rio Chama below
Late May or inholding early June	Restoration workshop and member BBQ on private on the Rio Cebolla
Later in the summer	??

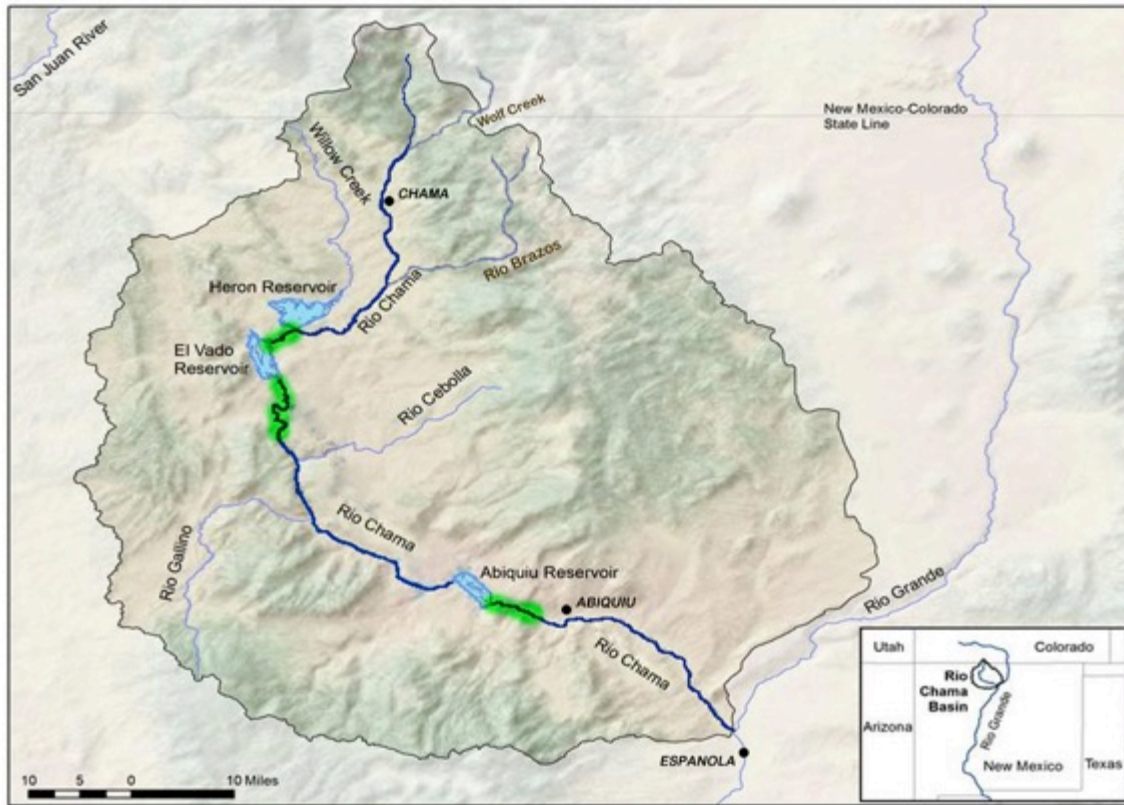


See website www.newmexicotrout.org for schedule updates.

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Rio Chama Catch and Release Initiative

- Being led by Noah Parker and Supported by NM Trout



March 28 workshop will feature Land of Enchantment Guides

- benefits of catch and release
- demonstrations of techniques
- opportunities to fish the Abiquiu tail water
- Lunch provided by NM Trout

Noah has a display in the Commons.
Go talk to him about the initiative



Restoration Workshop for late May or early June (Date TBD)



Conducted by Bill Zeedyk
on private land along Rio
Cebolla

- evaluate stream characteristics and water quality
- identify problem areas
- possible restoration strategies and elements of a restoration plan
- benefits to trout habitat



One objective is to train NMT volunteers on restoration techniques in anticipation of the USFS jumping mouse recovery plan

• NM Trout member BBQ lunch included

Use the NM Trout website to keep track of activities and to get useful information on fly fishing in NM

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Wetlands Roundtable Meeting

Posted on **January 26, 2015** by **Ellen Loehman**

From Land and Water Program Director, Mollie Walton, PhD
January 2015 Newsletter


The New Mexico Wetland Roundtables are part of a Wetlands Program Development Grant from EPA Region 8 to foster partnerships and collaboration for the restoration and protection of wetlands and riparian resources in New Mexico and are conducted on a semi-annual schedule. If you have not attended in the past, we would like you to see what the New Mexico Wetlands Roundtable is all about.



The next meeting is **March 26 (Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm)**. This meeting will also be in celebration of Bill Zeedy's 80th birthday. Presentations will cover projects that highlight aspects of Bill's career in wetland and stream restoration including: on the ground improvements, development of new restoration techniques, teaching restoration techniques to others, and new initiatives that promote volunteerism, collaboration and partnerships. This roundtable is co-sponsored by the Cúlvra Coalition, Albuquerque Wildlife Federation and the New Mexico Environment Department.

Location: **Roundtable Meeting Room, University of New Mexico, Science and Technology Research Park, 801 University Blvd SE (Park North, 1st Floor East), Albuquerque, New Mexico.** Free Parking is available at the parking structure conveniently located one block west of the building on Baseheart Road.

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