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Subject Potential RB event sites

Hi Erin: Here is a summary of red flags on the four potential event areas. I could write a deluge of paragraphs explaining how sensitive the Rio Cebolla area is, but I think for your ease of getting the general idea, I'll just stick to bullets for now and then if you have specific questions, let me know. This includes threatened, endangered, and sensitive species info and information from Chantel Cook on stream impairment status, and some closure information. Thanks. Jo

Rio Cebolla

- 1) No room for parking or vehicle access
- 2) The upper Rio Cebolla where this event might be happening is on the impaired waters list. The lower Rio Cebolla was just removed from the impaired waters list mainly because of a lot of work and money spent in that area for buck and pole fences, willow planting, etc. - recreation was listed as major cause of impacts - this outing would create another major impact - could put back on list.
- 3) Area closed to motor vehicle access above 7 Springs Picnic Area
- 4) Pipeline Road is in very very poor condition - Phyllis and Peter both said it's pretty inaccessible even with 4-wheel drive.
- 5) Upper Cebolla FR 314 - motorized vehicle closure
- 6) Upper San Antonio - motorized vehicle closure - no motorized vehicles behind the upper gate at San Antonio Hot Springs - limited parking outside of this gate.
- 7) Upper Rio Cebolla is occupied Rio Grande cutthroat trout (candidate species) corridor - this is one of the few core high priority populations on the forest (rated by purity of genetic makeup)
- 8) Occupied and essential Jemez Mountains salamander habitat throughout much of the area
- 9) Mexican spotted owl (FWS listed - threatened species) Protected Activity Centers (three). Timing of the event will be within the nesting season. If the upper Rio Cebolla site is chosen, this would require emergency consultation with Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 10) Several goshawk post-fledgling family areas - timing of this event will be within the nesting season.
- 11) Peregrine falcon designated breeding habitat - both occupied this year. Timing of this event is within the nesting season.
- 12) Mexican spotted owl Critical habitat in a large part of the area. This also could require emergency consultation with Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 13) New Mexico meadow jumping mouse habitat in riparian corridor (historically occupied sites) - (candidate species)
- 14) Large beaver ponds, seeps and wetlands throughout area

Cerro Springs

Springs flow into occupied Rio Grande cutthroat trout stream.
Cerro Springs has not been assessed for water quality.
No other known T&E or sensitive species.

Rito Penas Negras

Rito Penas Negras is on the impaired waters list for sediment, siltation, temperature, and nutrient/eutrophication biological indicators
New Mexico meadow jumping mouse potential habitat along stream corridor
Occupied Rio Grande chub (sensitive species) in one section

Rito de las Palomas

Occupied Rio Grande cutthroat trout corridor
Rito de las Palomas is on the impaired waters list for sedimentation, siltation and temperature not

supporting high quality cold water aquatic life.
No other known T&E or sensitive species

Ramon/Chantel - if you have any corrections or additions, please send to Erin. Thanks. Jo

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