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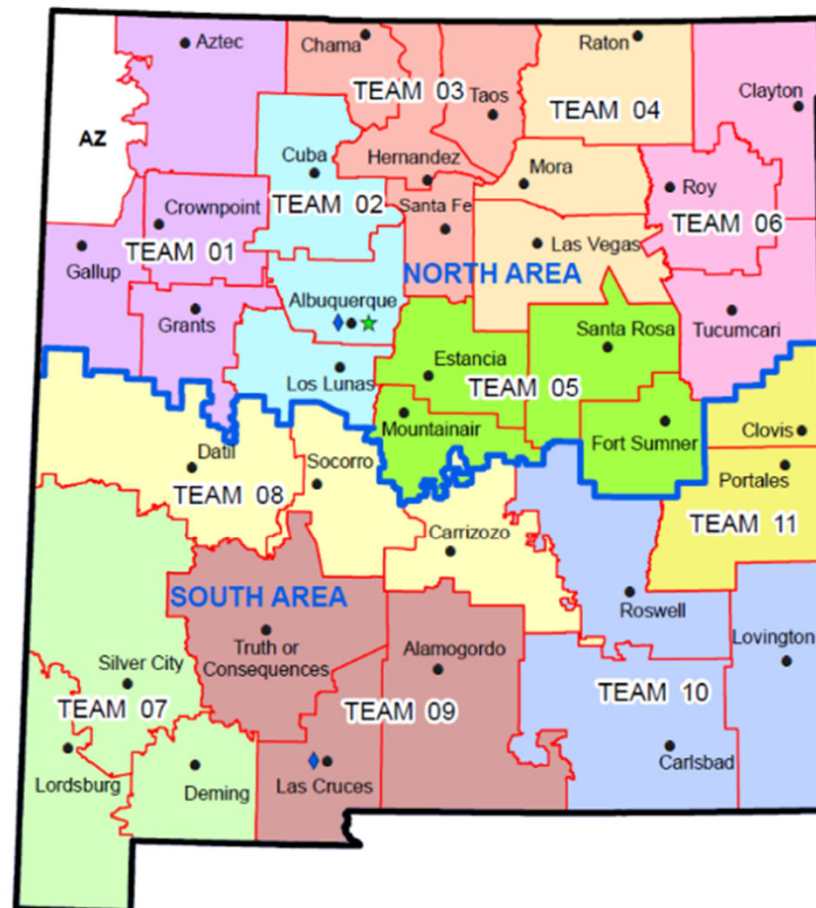
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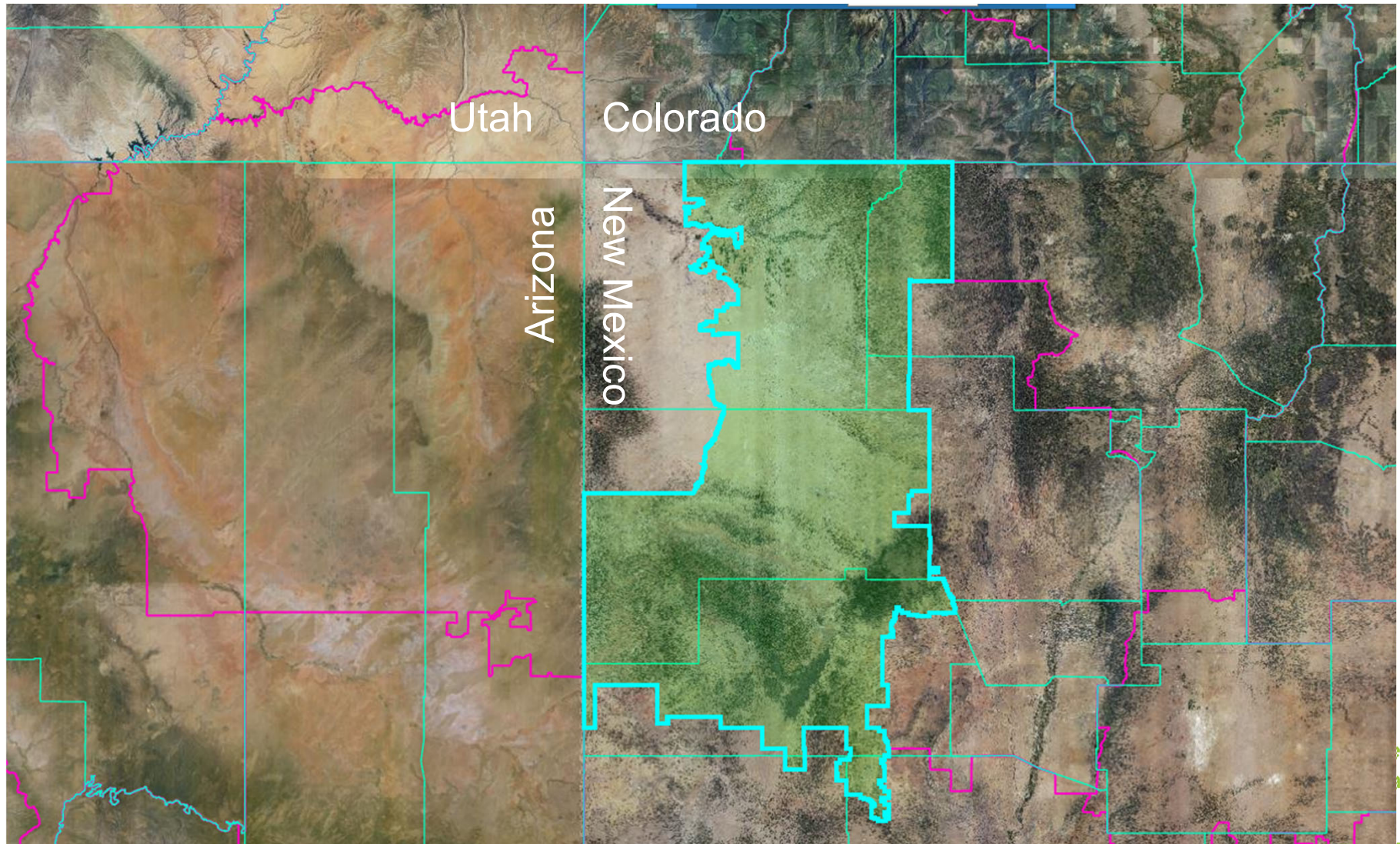


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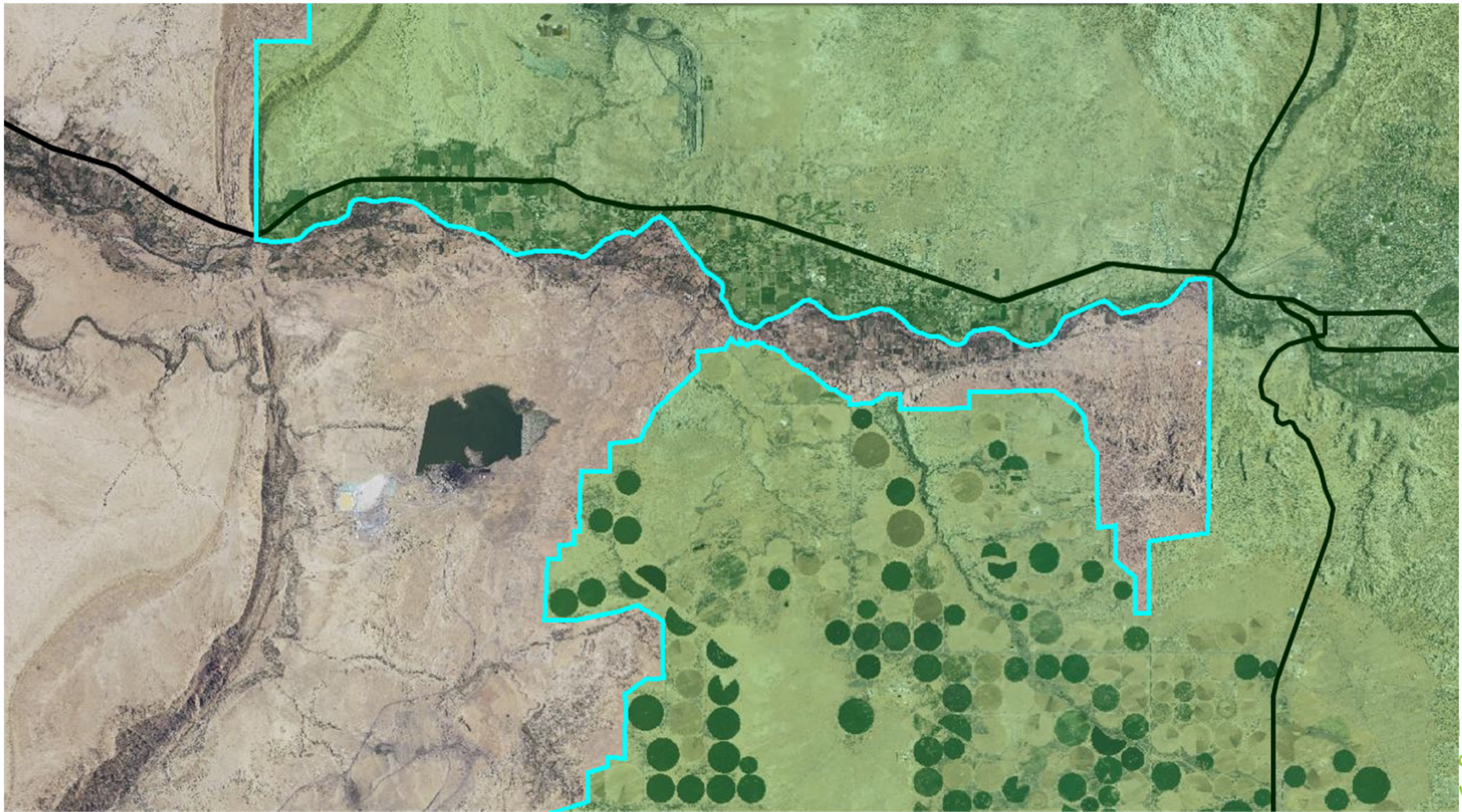
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Team 1 Service Area- San Juan, McKinley, and Cibola Counties



Team 1 continued:



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What does NRCS offer?

- Financial and technical assistance for agricultural producers.
- Assistance is free to the producer.
- NRCS will make a site visit and work with the producer to identify resource concerns.



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Resource Concerns



- **Soil**
 - Soil Erosion and Soil Health
- **Water**
 - Water Quality and Quantity
- **Animal**
 - Terrestrial Habitat, Livestock production limitations
- **Plant**
 - Plant Health and Production, Wildfire risk
- **Air**
 - Air Quality
- **Energy**
 - Energy use



Financial Assistance: Conservation Programs

1. **Meet with NRCS Field Office Staff**
- Inventory and Evaluate Resource Concerns.
2. **NRCS planners work with applicant to develop the alternatives to address or improve the resource concerns identified.**
3. **All programs are competitive. Applications are batched and ranked due to limited funding. NRCS is always accepting applications.**
4. **States Office will select applications for funding based on ranking score.**
5. **Applicant signs a contract to implement all the practices they helped chose to treat the identified resource concerns.**



Financial Assistance: Conservation Programs

- **EQIP** – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- **CSP** – Conservation Stewardship Program
- **RCPP** – Regional Conservation Partnership Program



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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest landowners to address natural resource concerns, such as:**
 - Conserved ground and surface water (irrigation efficiency)
 - Increased soil health
 - Reduced soil erosion and sedimentation
 - Improved or created wildlife habitat
 - Mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility.
 - Improved livestock health
 - Improved plant productivity
- **Mainly structural improvements**



Structural Conservation Practice Examples



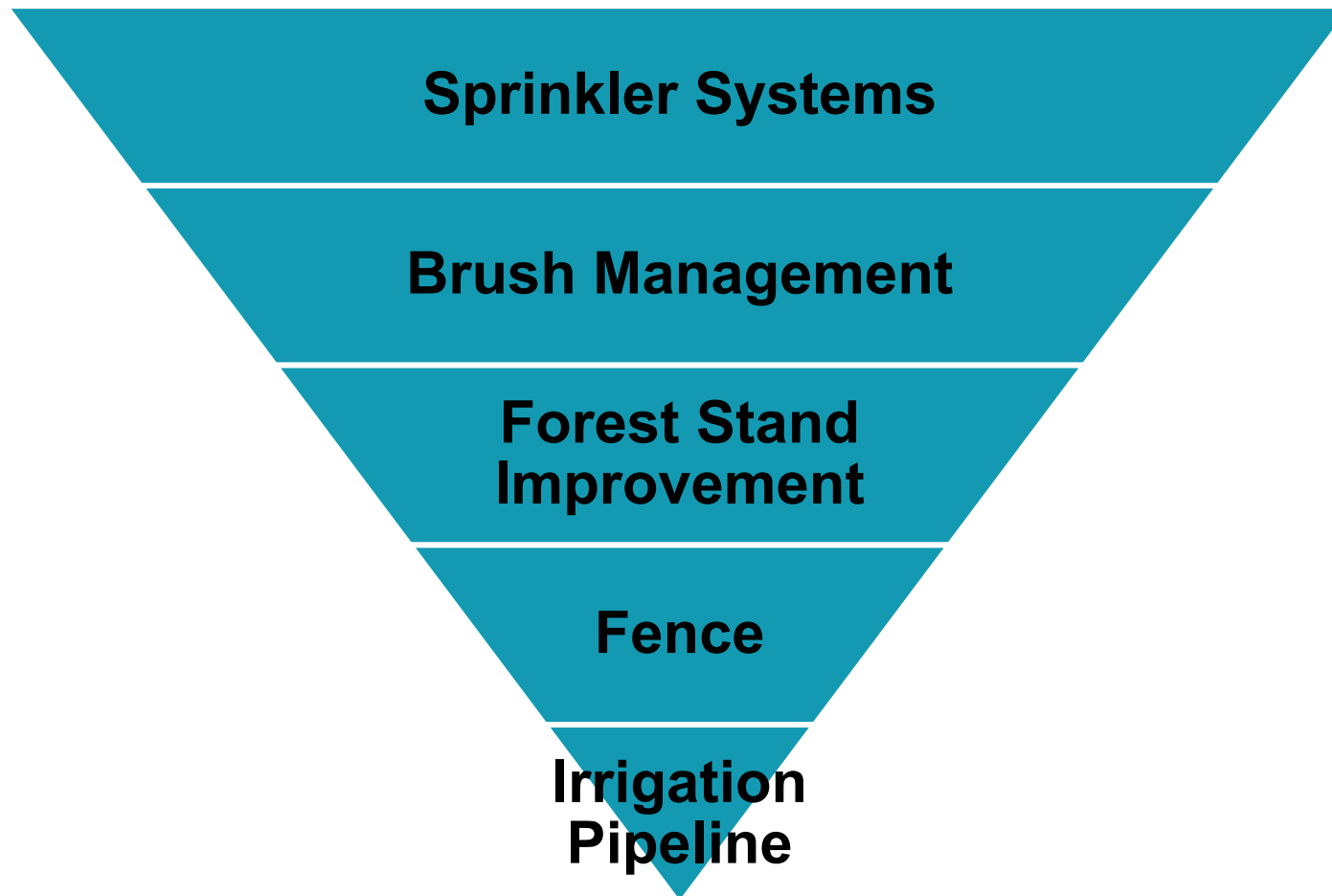
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Top 5 New Mexico EQIP Practices for FY2025



Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- **Purpose of CSP:**

- To encourage participants to continue stewardship of the land by adopting additional conservation activities.
- Mainly management practices.
 - Prescribed Grazing
 - Upland wildlife habitat management
 - Irrigation Water Management
 - Forage Harvest Management
- Participants earn CSP payments annually for conservation performance.





Management Practices: Prescribed Grazing



Prescribed Grazing

Proper Grazing Use Implementation Requirements/jobsheet 528(5)

October 2021

Client: _____ Location: _____ Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Grazing Unit	Acres	Species of Grazing Animal	Season of Use	Location of Key Grazing Area	Key Plant(s) for Judging Proper Grazing Use	Planned Minimum Stubble Height or Maximum Utilization of Key Species at End of Grazing Period	Actual Stubble Heights or Percent Utilization				
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Prescribed Grazing

Prescribed Grazing Schedule Job Sheet 528(6)

March 2011

Client/Operating Unit: _____ Tract: _____ SWCD/HU Code: _____ Date Planned: _____
 Farm/Ranch Location: _____ County: _____ Farm No.: _____ Planned Installation Date: _____
 Program: _____ Contract Item #: _____ Animal Units on Hand: _____ Planned Animal Units: _____
 Type of enterprise (Cow/Calf, Stock, or Combination, Stock and Wildlife): _____ Kind and Estimated Number of Wildlife: _____

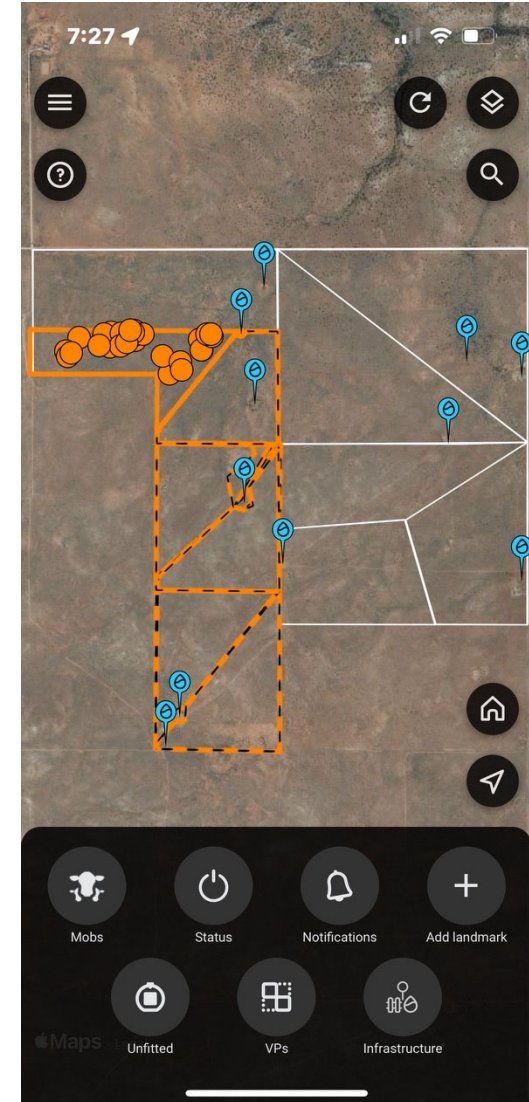
			Year: _____												Year: _____												Year: _____											
Grazing units & kinds of forage	Acres	Total AUM's Available	Month												Month												Month											
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Management Practices: Prescribed Grazing with Virtual Fence



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Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

- **Program built around working with our partners:**
 - An agricultural or silvicultural producer association or other group of producers;
 - A state or unit of local government;
 - An Indian tribe;
 - A farmer cooperative;
 - A water district, irrigation district, acequia, rural water district or association, or other organization with specific water delivery authority to agricultural producers;
 - Conservation Districts
- **New Mexico NRCS currently has six agreements with a variety of partners across the state.**

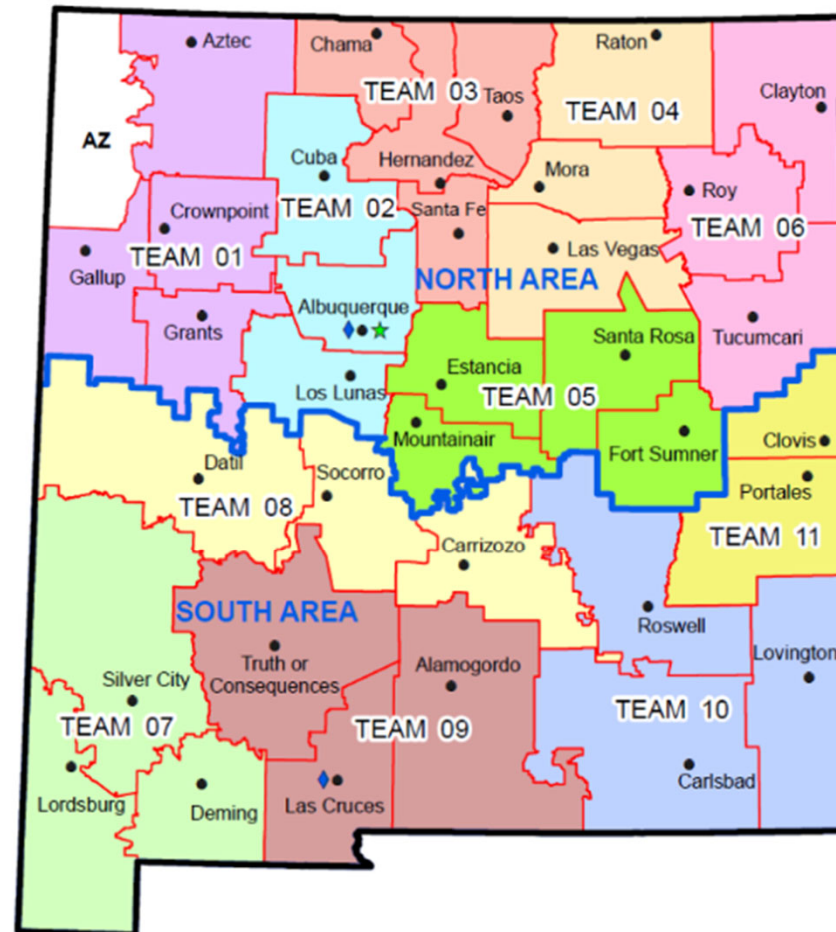


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