



## Cooperative Extension Service

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### **The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at New Mexico State University**

The Cooperative Extension Service at NMSU utilizes funding from the RREA to initiate and enhance education efforts that assist New Mexico landowners and governmental agency personnel more effectively manage our natural resources on forest and rangelands. The primary use of RREA dollars in New Mexico has been to demonstrate control methods for noxious and invasive weeds and brush species on native rangeland. RREA funding has also augmented investigative efforts in examining the effects of forestry practices and prescribed fire on wildlife habitat. RREA monies are leveraged with approximately \$600,000 of state, county and private funds. RREA appropriations have allowed the Cooperative Extension Service at New Mexico State University to:

- Conduct best management practices demonstrations in controlling toxic, noxious and invasive species on private and public rangelands, farmland, and public highway rights-of-way in 32 of the 33 counties in the state.
- Develop and conduct extensive resource monitoring along riparian restoration corridors associated with salt cedar control on the Rio Grande, Pecos, and Canadian river drainages.
- Conduct resource monitoring workshops for land owners in six counties in northeastern New Mexico accounting for more than one-half million acres of rangeland.
- Evaluate timber harvest treatments and fuel management practices on forage quality for deer, elk, and livestock.
- Examine the response of upland and riparian habitats to timber harvest treatments and fuel management practices.
- Provide factual information to counselors at the Philmont Scout Ranch for their educational programs affecting 20,000 scouts during 2006.

*“Monitoring of resource response to salt cedar control efforts by Cooperative Extension Service professionals has been invaluable to the Canadian Soil and Water Conservation District in obtaining continued state funding for our riparian restoration project.”*

***Project Manager, Canadian River Riparian Restoration Project***

*“The partnerships fostered by this program are essential to future natural resource management on our National Forests.”* ***Otero County Commissioner***

*“Cooperative Extension Specialists have had a tremendous impact on our natural resource education efforts for the Boy Scouts of America”* ***Philmont Scout Ranch Superintendent***

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