Rio Grande Canalization Project
Habitat Restoration

Rio Grande Canalization Flood Control Project

Consists of a 105-mile project area from:

- American Diversion Dam in El Paso, TX up to
- Percha Dam in NM

30 restorations sites will be restoring various kinds of habitats including:

- Dense riparian shrub
- Grassland
- Riparian Woodland for the Endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

On June 9, 2009 IBWC Commissioner Ruth signed the Rio Grande Canalization Flood Control Project Record of Decision and committed the IBWC to a 10-year implementation of the Integrated Land Management Alternative.

This alternative addressed:

- Continued water delivery and flood control.
- Environmental Water Rights Framework
- No Significant Impacts to Farmland in Production
- Environmental Improvement
  - Quality of River
  - Recreational Use
- Channel Maintenance
- ESA Liability – Endangered Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
- Restore Floodway vegetation
  - 553 acres of Habitat Restoration
  - Minimize mowing
  - Permanent "No Mow" Zones
  - Salt cedar and Russian thistle control and removal.

For more information on the Restoration sites and Project Documentation:
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