

Rio Grande Water Fund — Consortium-Financed Forest Restoration to Protect New Mexico's Water (USA)

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 2014 a 100+ signatory network, with TNC as fiscal agent, has treated 251,000 acres of Rio Grande headwater forest toward a 600,000-acre goal, leveraging ~\$52.8M public money on \$5.2M private.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	2/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[The Nature Conservancy \(fiscal agent\) / Rio Grande Water Fund signatories](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[Frontiers in Climate — Adaptive governance, upper Rio Grande \(2023\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

[The Nature Conservancy — Rio Grande Water Fund](#) — accessed 2026-09-30

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