

NM Strategicplan

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General_Comments= The Statewide Policy and Strategic Plan for Non-Native Phreatophyte/Watershed Management, if it is implemented in concert with and consistent with the New Mexico Forest and Watershed Health Plan, can become a useful component of a comprehensive state-wide Watershed Management Program. Among the most important goals of such a Program will be the replacement of non-native phreatophytes with sustainable communities of native plants, the rehabilitation/remediation of all New Mexico watersheds (from the alpine meadows to the desert rivers), and the integration of the many vegetation management efforts that are currently planned or already under way throughout the state. To be effective and viable, the Program will need a statewide implementation oversight group consisting of interested citizens and technical experts, as well as a small staff with both technical expertise in watershed management and administrative experience with Federal and State funding processes. With that structure in place, the Strategic Plan's Templates and Protocols can evolve into practical, flexible guidelines for watershed improvement projects anywhere in the state.

Recommendations_Comments= All of the Recommendations should be seen as emergent suggestions rather than rigid rules, because New Mexico is still developing the necessary expertise to manage watersheds at the landscape-scale. The Recommendations should be viewed as tools to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of on-the-ground watershed management projects that encompass land areas with multiple ownerships and varied resource management goals. By emphasizing diverse ownerships and management goals, the projects can help the Recommendations evolve into practical, cost-effective guidelines applicable state-wide.

Implementation_Comments= (See general comments, above.)

Templates_Comments=