

Abiquiu Lake Economy Act Partnership with BLM for invasive species removal

At Abiquiu Lake in northern New Mexico, USACE staff are working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in a five-phase project through 2022 to successfully control the invasive terrestrial plants Russian olive and tamarisk.

During 2020, USACE completed a MIPR with BLM, who in turn provided a work crew. The crew was able to complete 20 acres of cutting this year followed by herbicide treatment. The project is being conducted in phases to ensure minimum disturbance to mule deer that utilize the area. Goal is for restoration of the site with willow and cottonwood in addition to reseeding and plantings with native species if necessary.

Abiquiu Lake is a 5,200 surface-acre reservoir and is 6,220 feet above sea-level which makes it the highest reservoir in the continental United States for USACE.

[Check out this video](#) on the functions and operations of Abiquiu Dam which highlights the cultural background of the area.

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