

SANTA CLARA PUEBLO FORESTRY

**CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED A DECADE
AFTER THE FIRE**



SANTA CLARA CREEK PAST AND FUTURE



CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

Staff part-time vs. full time (Fringe benefits)

Workload

Wildfires vs. Prescribed burns (Rx)

Equipment and vehicle maintenance

Forestry Department Contractor / Force account
Labor

Reconnect youth and elders through restoration of
Forested areas

Continued Collaboration



"HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION

- ▶ Bosque wetland Rx
- ▶ Puye Hist. District Rx 356 acres
- ▶ Plaza Largo Rx 1,000 acres
- ▶ Northside Rx – 500 + acres
- ▶ Mid – Lower Unit Rx – 75 acres
- ▶ Planning schedule for previously burned and treated acres to re-introduce fire back into the ecosystem (Develop a Prescribed burning Plan)
- ▶ America Beautiful Grant Several HFR projects up in the Headwaters and along Bosque
- ▶ CFRP Largo Canyon Rx

HFR



Santa Clara Creek Restoration

America the Beautiful Grant numerous stream restoration activates- FEMA grant application Capability and Capacity Building Application (C&CB), also referred to as Scoping Phase. Hazard Mitigation Projects (Construction/Implementation) Application Engineering with Nature concept, planning to coordinate with James Baca , SCP EM Director in regards to application

FOREST DEVELOPMENT

Forest **Development Survey & Planning**

2,500 acres – seedling survival, Siviculture evaluation, on remaining forested areas

Forest Development Plan (5) years

Capacity building tools & cone collection

Purchase insulated unit (FIST) seedling transport

Seedling Cache Development Puye

America Beautiful Grant reforestation and Invasive species eradication, pollinat or planting

Possibility of locating a reforestation center here on the reservation in coordination with State of NM



Santa Clara

WOODLANDS MANAGEMENT

WOODLOT OPERATIONS

Under the recently awarded one-time funding. A total of 144 bundles of pine were wrapped bundled and put up for sale at the newly built gas station by the casino. Funds created from this venture will aid in off setting the cost of fuel utilized by the department to continue with suppling wood for the Santa Clara Pueblo seniors. Which still heat their homes with fire wood.



WOOD BUNDLE SALES/ SENIOR DISTRIBUTION

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Until position filled



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THANK YOU !