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# NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

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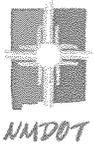
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<b>Title of Proposed Project:</b> Santa Fe Rail Trail		
<b>Location (Route and Milepost):</b> Rabbit Road to U.S. 285		<b>County:</b> Santa Fe
<b>Land Ownership:</b> NMDOT railroad right of way, Santa Fe County easement		
<b>Engineer or Project Proponent:</b> Santa Fe County	<b>Environmental Section Staff or T/LG Project Manager:</b> Colleen Baker	
<b>Engineer Contact and Company:</b> Scott Belonger, P.E., Loris and Associates, Inc.		
<b>Environmental Consultant:</b> Blue Earth Ecological Consultants, Inc.		
<b>Federal Funding for Project:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes		

This document has been prepared pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117, FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8, and the latest Programmatic Categorical Exclusion agreement between FHWA and NMDOT. The proposed project will have no significant impact on the quality of the human or natural environment, either singularly or cumulatively, provided stipulations identified during this analysis are met. Supporting documentation is available at the NMDOT Environmental Section.

_____	Date	<i>Katherine Mela</i>	8.9.13
Environmental Specialist		NMDOT Project Engineer	Date
		Project Proponent	
		Tribal/Local Government Authority	✓
_____	Date	_____	Date
Environmental Section Manager		FHWA NM Division Administrator	

- Project location map with aerial photography as background layer attached as following page.
- STIP page attached.
- Project area photos attached.
- Environmental Commitments included in this project.

Approved as to form  
 Santa Fe County Attorney  
 By: *[Signature]*  
 Date: *August 6, 2013*



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### PROJECT PURPOSE & NEED:

The purpose of the project is three-fold: 1) to improve the existing trail to bring it into compliance with federal safety requirements for a trail along an active railroad; 2) to correct drainage and erosion problems along the trail corridor; and 3) to make the trail more accessible to a wider range of users as a primary multi-modal recreational trail.

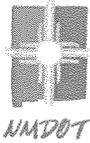
### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Santa Fe Rail Trail is a regional, unpaved, natural surface, multi-modal recreational trail that runs along the historic Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe Railway from downtown Santa Fe, NM to Lamy, NM. The portion of the trail that is managed by Santa Fe County is approximately 12 miles long and runs from I-25 to NM 285. The County constructed the section of the trail between I-25 and Rabbit Rd. in 2010 as a separate project. Santa Fe County hired Loris and Associates, Inc. to design the trail from Rabbit Rd. to NM 285. The design was broken into 6 Segments to provide flexibility in funding the construction. The County completed the construction of Segment 1 in 2012 at a cost of \$771,280.88 excluding GRT. The cost estimate for construction of the remaining segments of the trail is \$2,183,766 (Segments 2-3 combined \$1,075,377, Segment 4 \$440,901, Segment 5 \$300,784, Segment 6 \$366,704) for a total construction cost of \$2,955,046.88. The County currently has funding to construct Segments 2-3 under a Cooperative Agreement with NMDOT to receive Federal Transportation Enhancement funding. The County also has local gross receipts tax funding to construct Segment 4. Segments 5 and 6 are not currently funded.

The current project involves construction of Segments 2-4 from the Spur Trail (MP 11.5) to Avenida Eldorado (MP 4.86). The total length of the proposed improvements is approximately 7 miles (37,000 linear feet). This portion of the trail is located within the NMDOT right-of-way of the Santa Fe Southern Railway. Santa Fe County has an easement for the trail within the NMDOT right-of-way. No additional right-of-way will be acquired for this project. No utilities will be impacted by this project. The trail crosses 9 arroyos within this 7 mile stretch. No trail improvements will be constructed within the ordinary high water mark of the channels in order to avoid potential impact to Waters of the US. Trail users will cross through the unimproved arroyo channels. The design of the trail works with the existing topography as much as possible so as not to impede natural drainage patterns, using drainage features such as grade dips and rock rip rap slope protection. There are 8 locations where culverts will be installed in order to allow surface drainage to pass under the trail because the finished trail grade is higher than the existing topography. The Santa Fe Rail Trail is designed to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists and equestrians. The trail is closed to motorized vehicle use.

The purpose of the project is to improve the trail surface quality, reduce surface erosion, meet minimum railroad setback requirements and reduce trail grades in some areas to provide a more sustainable and accessible trail to a wide range of users while also meeting railroad safety requirements. The trail surface will be improved by importing a 6 inch thick crusher fines trail surface comprised of locally available materials. The material was selected to provide a natural looking trail surface that is less susceptible to becoming muddy and slippery in wet conditions compared to the existing site materials.

Approximately 2.8 miles (14,600 linear feet) of the proposed improvements will be located on the current trail alignment. In these areas, the existing surface materials will be removed and replaced with imported crusher fines material. Only the top 4 to 6 inches of the existing surface materials are expected to be disturbed along the current trail alignment for the 8 foot trail width.



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Approximately 2.3 miles (12,400 linear feet) of the proposed improvements will be located on a new trail alignment within the railroad right of way, at approximately the existing grade. In these areas, the existing surface materials will be removed and replaced with imported crusher fines material. Only the top 4 to 6 inches of the existing surface materials are expected to be disturbed along the new trail alignment for the 8 foot trail width.

The remaining 1.9 miles (10,000 linear feet) of the proposed improvements will be located on a new trail alignment within the railroad right of way with some changes in grade. The grade changes will vary but will primarily be on the order of 1 – 2 feet. A few short areas may require grade changes of up to 4 feet. The width of disturbance in these areas will generally be 12 feet to 20 feet in width.

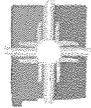
Construction activities will include grading and placement of fills, base preparation, placement of base course in selected areas, construction of drainage features, slope protection, fencing, site restoration, and signage. The proposed work will involve operation of mechanized equipment along the trail corridor in the project area. Construction equipment may include: skid-steer, bulldozer, tractor, grader, front end loader, back blade, pick-up trucks (½ to 1-ton), dump truck, water-tank truck, steel-wheeled roller, lay-down machine (for placement of crushed-rock surfacing material), and rubber tire roller. The proposed action is expected to take approximately 180 working days to complete. Construction is expected to take place during the period from September 2013 through August 2014.

**DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING FACILITY:** Include the Functional Classification of the roadway and the current infrastructure conditions.

The existing trail is unimproved dirt path or two-track dirt road.

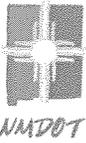
### **DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT, OBSERVED RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SURROUNDINGS:**

The project area consists of undeveloped, dirt trail and adjacent juniper savanna habitat with residential development. Elevation in the project area ranges from 6,890 to 6,610 feet above mean sea level. The trail corridor traverses a landscape of undulating hills and valleys as it crosses a network of southwest-flowing intermittent drainages. The principal drainages in the project area, from north to south, are Arroyo Hondo, Cañada del Rancho, Cienega Creek, Cañada de las Minas, Cañada Ancha, Gallina Arroyo, Pueblo Cañon, and Cañada de los Alamos. Land use in the vicinity of the project area is dispersed residential housing. The trail corridor itself is railroad right of way. Soils of upland sites, which compose approximately 83 percent of the project area, range are loams and sandy loams with gravelly loams on steeper slopes. Prominent upland soils in the project area include Alire loam, Tanoan-Encantado complex, Predawn loam, and Khapo fine sandy loam). Floodplain and terrace sites composed 13 percent of the project area. Soils of these sites include loamy sand, coarse sandy loam, and gravelly sandy loam. Characteristic soils on floodplain and terrace sites are Buckhorse-Altzano complex and Altzano loamy sand. Drainage channel sites compose the remaining four percent of the project area. Soils at channel sites are dominated by sand and range from loamy sand to coarse gravelly sand. Characteristic soils at channel sites include Levante-Riverwash complex and DeVargas-Rio Vista-Riverwash complex. Based on dominant species and plant community structure, vegetation in the project area can be classified as juniper savanna, which is an ecotone between woodland and grassland. One-seed juniper was the dominant species in the tree stratum in the project area and blue grama was the most common herbaceous plant throughout the project area. Common shrub species in the project area included four-wing saltbush, tree cholla, soapweed yucca, and rubber rabbitbrush. Rubber rabbitbrush was particularly abundant on floodplain and terraces associated with arroyos. Pale desert-thorn was a common shrub in the southern half of the project area. No wetlands or riparian plant communities occur in the project area.



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1. **OTHER LAND JURISDICTION(S):** Select the appropriate land management entity from the list below. The appropriate land management agency shall be contacted to address the potential impacts, alternatives and possible mitigating measures for the proposed action. The Environmental Commitments section should reflect any mutually agreed upon stipulations or mitigation measures determined through coordination with the land management entity.

- Bureau of Land Management, BLM Field Office:
- U.S. Forest Service, USFS Forest and Ranger District:
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Tribal Entity:
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Defense
- New Mexico State Land Office
- New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- New Mexico State Parks
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Private
- Other: Santa Fe County

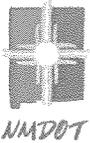
Provide additional information regarding communication with land management entities below.

2. **CULTURAL RESOURCE INVESTIGATIONS:** Conduct cultural resource investigations as directed by the NMDOT Environmental Section.

NMCRIS records check date: 12/10/12

Cultural resource inventory conducted?  No  Yes Concurrency date:

- The proposed project would have no potential to affect cultural resources. (See attached letter or email from NMDOT Environmental Section.)
- The proposed project would have no effect to cultural resources. (See attached letter or email from NMDOT Environmental Section.)
- The proposed project would have no adverse effect to cultural resources. (See attached concurrence letter.)
- The proposed project would have an adverse effect to cultural resources. (See attached concurrence letter.)
  - MOA for mitigation has been developed under Section 106 of NHPA.
  - A project-specific Programmatic Agreement has been developed under Section 106 of NHPA.
- Special properties of concern (listed SRCP or NRHP properties, historic districts, historic bridges, etc) are present. Specify:
- Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for cultural resource treatment measures.



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**3. TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES:** Contact the NMDOT Native American/Tribal Coordinator in the Environmental Section.

- The proposed project has no potential to impact Traditional Cultural Properties based on coordination with NMDOT Native American/Tribal Coordinator.
- Traditional Cultural Properties identified, management recommendations developed, and coordination with land management agencies and Tribal/State Historic Preservation Officer completed.
- See attached documentation from the NMDOT Native American/Tribal Coordinator.
- Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for cultural resource treatment measures.

**4. BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITY:** Conduct biological investigations as directed by the NMDOT Environmental Section.

Biological report prepared?  No  Yes Date: January 2013  
If no, explain:

Federally listed threatened, endangered, or proposed species and/or critical habitat or proposed critical habitat present within or adjacent to the project area?  No  Yes

- The proposed project would have no effect to federally listed threatened, endangered, or proposed species and/or modify critical habitat or proposed critical habitat.
- The proposed project may affect, is not likely to adversely affect federally threatened, endangered, or proposed species and/or adversely modify critical habitat or proposed critical habitat.
- The proposed project may affect, is likely to adversely affect federally threatened, endangered, or proposed species and/or adversely modify critical habitat or proposed critical habitat. (If selected, verify NEPA level of effort with NMDOT.)
- Consultation with regulatory agencies completed (see attached correspondence).  
Describe consultation process:

Is the proposed project expected to impact state-listed species, tribal-listed species, or other agency species?  No  Yes If yes, explain:

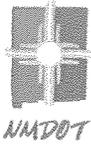
Are there migratory bird concerns associated with the proposed project?  No  Yes  
If yes, explain: Bluebird nest houses have been installed throughout the project area. If any nest houses are in the proposed trail improvement construction area, they will be relocated. Relocation of nest houses would occur when there is no bird nesting activity.

Are there wildlife issues associated with the proposed project?  No  Yes  
If yes, explain:

Are noxious weeds, as recognized by the NM Dept. of Agriculture, present?  No  Yes  
If yes, identify noxious weed species, classification (A, B, C), and explain mitigation measures: Two Class C species occur in scattered locations in the project area in arroyos: Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*) and Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*). Revegetation of disturbed areas with native species is proposed, which will reduced the potential for spread of these two noxious weed species.

Are New Mexico Rare Plants present within the project area?  No  Yes

Is revegetation of the project area needed after construction is completed?  No  Yes



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If no, explain:

Revegetation plan developed. Date:

Additional information regarding the biological community:

Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for biological community mitigation measures.

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## 5. WATER RESOURCES: Evaluate impacts to water resources within and adjacent to the project area.

Are floodplains present within the project area?  No  Yes

If yes, explain: Associated with 9 arroyo crossings.

Is a designated Wild and Scenic River present within the project area?  No  Yes

If yes, explain:

Is an acequia or irrigation ditch present within the project area?  No  Yes

If yes, explain:

Are Outstanding National Resource Waters or Impaired Surface Waters present within the project area?

No  Yes

If yes, explain:

**Clean Water Act (CWA) Permitting:** Determine if Waters of the United States, subject to jurisdictional authority under the CWA, would be impacted by the proposed project.

Are wetlands present within the proposed project area?  No  Yes

Are the wetlands expected to be impacted?  No  Yes

If yes to either question above, explain:

Wetland determination and delineation report prepared. Date of report:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers CWA §404 Maintenance Exemption applies to the proposed project.
- CWA §404 Nationwide Permit applies: Pre-construction Notification required?  No  Yes
- CWA §404 Individual Permit required (If selected, verify NEPA level of effort with NMDOT.)
- CWA §401 certification required from:  NMED  EPA  Tribal Entity:

Additional CWA permitting information: No fill will be placed within the ordinary high water mark of the arroyo channels that have been determined to be waters of the U.S.

Are there any impacts to non-jurisdictional waterway within the project area?  No  Yes

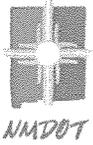
If yes, explain:

**Erosion and Sediment Control:** Determine if the provisions of the NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) issued by the EPA applies to the proposed project. Contact the NMDOT Drainage Section with questions regarding CWA §402.

- The proposed project would disturb less than 1 acre of land, CGP does not apply.
- The proposed project would disturb less than 1 acre of land, but the project area is located near a perennial stream, therefore, a Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is being developed.
- The proposed project would disturb more than 1 acre of land, therefore a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will be prepared in accordance with the CGP.

Action area map is attached.

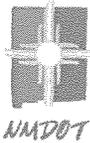
Map of identified federally-listed species and/or critical habitat is attached.



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Applicable Endangered Species Protection Criterion (for the 402 permit application): Criterion A - no federal or state listed species would be affected by the proposed action and the project area does not include any designated or proposed critical habitat (see biological technical memo for project).  
Are there portions of the project area that should be avoided for BMP implementation?  No  Yes  
If yes, explain:

Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for water resources mitigation measures.



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**6. RIGHT-OF-WAY REQUIREMENTS:** Determine if new NMDOT rights-of-way, construction maintenance easements (CME), temporary construction permits (TCP), work permits, federal land transfers, or acquisitions are necessary.

Are any of the above types of right-of-way required for the proposed project?  No  Yes  
If yes, complete the table below.

Estimated number of -	Quantity	Property Details
Parcels affected		
Acres required for CME(s)		
Acres required for TCP(s)		
Acres required for work permit(s)		
Acres required for acquisition		
Acres required for federal land transfer		
Relocations (residential or business) If selected, verify level of effort with NMDOT.		

Proposed right-of-way map attached (required).  
Additional right-of-way information:

**7. AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS:** Determine if the proposed project would impact air quality.

Is a Fugitive Dust Control Permit required for the proposed project?  No  Yes

Is the proposed project area within any of the following areas?

- Bernalillo County
- Sunland Park
- Anthony

A non-attainment or maintenance area not listed above. If checked, explain:

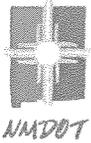
If none of the four boxes above are checked, air quality conformity requirements are met.

If one of the geographic areas above is checked, complete the section below.

Is hotspot analysis required for the proposed project?  No  Yes

Describe the extent of project level air quality analysis that has been conducted for the proposed project and attach pertinent correspondence.

Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for air quality mitigation measures.



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**8. NOISE ANALYSIS:** Determine if noise levels associated with the proposed project would impact receptors on nearby properties and determine if local noise abatement ordinances apply.

Is the proposed project considered Type 1 as defined by NMDOT's current Design Directive for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise?  No  Yes

Are receptors (existing or permitted) present in the project area?  No  Yes

Based on consultation with NMDOT a traffic noise analysis is required.  No  Yes

If no, explain: The route is a trail for bicycles, pedestrians, and horseback riders. Not motorized use is allowed.

If no, noise analysis is complete.

If yes, traffic noise analysis has been completed. Date of report:

Does the noise analysis identify noise impacts from the proposed project?  No  Yes

If yes, include applicable information in Section 17 Public Involvement.

If yes, have noise abatement measures been determined to be reasonable and feasible?  No  Yes

If no, explain:

Refer to Environmental Commitments section for noise mitigation measures.

**9. SECTION 4(f):** Section 4(f) refers to situations where transportation projects use parks, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites.

Will the proposed project use a Section 4(f) property?  No  Yes (If yes, verify the level of 4(f) documentation with the NMDOT Environmental Section.)

Programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation has been signed and is in the project record.

Additional Section 4(f) information:

**10. LAND USE:** For proposed projects that add new, or substantially modify existing, transportation infrastructure, verify whether the proposed project is compatible with urban policy and/or land use plans. For proposed projects that cross federal lands, check with the land management agency for applicable land use plan(s).

Is the proposed project consistent with land use plans or zoning?  No  Yes

If no, explain:

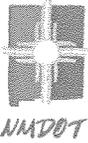
**11. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ANALYSIS:** Determine if hazardous materials are located within or adjacent to the proposed project area.

The EPA EnviroMapper database has been consulted and no additional investigations are required.

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The EGB has determined no additional investigations are required.

The EGB has determined additional investigations are required. The EGB will coordinate the effort.



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12. SOCIOECONOMICS: Determine potential impacts to social and economic resources resulting from the proposed project.

Would the proposed project result in an adverse impact to social or economic resources? [X] No [ ] Yes (If yes, verify NEPA level of effort with NMDOT Environmental Section.)

Are relocations or displacements necessary to build the proposed project? [X] No [ ] Yes
Would the proposed project result in a permanent change in access or access control? [X] No [ ] Yes
Is the project expected to impact neighborhood continuity and/or community cohesion? [X] No [ ] Yes
If yes to any of the questions above, explain:

13. ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Refer to FHWA Order 6640.23A to review key Environmental Justice definitions and policies. U.S. Census data may be a source to determine population characteristics.

Based on the definitions provided in FHWA Order 6640.23A, are the following populations located in or adjacent to the project area?

- [ ] Low income
[ ] African American
[ ] Hispanic or Latino
[ ] Asian American
[ ] American Indian or Alaskan Native
[ ] Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Would the proposed project cause disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority and/or low income populations? [X] No [ ] Yes (If yes, verify NEPA level of effort with NMDOT Environmental Section.)
If yes, explain:

14. VISUAL RESOURCES: Determine whether the project would result in adverse impacts to visual resources, such as the landscape's foreground and background.

Would the proposed project require major cut/fills, bridges, or large retaining walls? [X] No [ ] Yes
Would the proposed project change the vertical profile of an existing road or bridge? [X] No [ ] Yes
Is the proposed project located along a designated Scenic Byway? [X] No [ ] Yes
Would the proposed project result in an adverse impact to visual resources? [X] No [ ] Yes

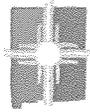
Additional visual resource information:

[ ] Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for visual resource mitigation measures.

15. MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION: Determine whether the project would impact pedestrians, bicyclists, or transit facilities.

Is the proposed project located along a proposed or designated bicycle route? [ ] No [X] Yes
Would the proposed project impact pedestrian and/or bicycle access? [X] No [ ] Yes
Would the proposed project impact transit facilities? [X] No [ ] Yes
If yes to any question above, explain: The project area is the Santa Fe Rail Trail

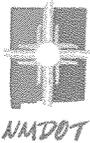
Is there an opportunity to improve multi-modal access with the proposed project? [ ] No [X] Yes
If yes, explain: The project would make the existing unimproved trail more suitable for a wider variety of pedestrian, bicyclist, and equestrian users.



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- Refer to the Environmental Commitments section for pedestrian/bicyclist mitigation measures.



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**16. OTHER INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS:** Determine if any other resource issues apply to the proposed project that are not addressed in the previous sections.

- No other resource issues are identified and no additional coordination required.
- Paleontological resources (for projects on federal land only)
- Prime and Unique Farmland
- Properties protected by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act
- Other resource issues:

Additional resource analysis:

**17. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Determine the level of public involvement necessary for the proposed project. The determination should be based on the resource issues identified in the previous sections and the answers to the questions listed below.

Would the project add through traffic lanes, substantially change the layout or the function of the transportation facility or connected transportation facilities, including access limitations?  No  Yes

Would the project have an adverse impact on abutting property?  No  Yes

Would the project result in noise impacts?  No  Yes

Would the project result in socioeconomic, visual, environmental, or other impacts?  No  Yes

If the answer to any of the questions above is yes, a public meeting or an opportunity for a public meeting should be considered in consultation with NMDOT.

Were scoping letters mailed for this project?  No  Yes

If no, explain:

What type of public involvement has been provided? Select the appropriate item(s) below. Attach documentation identifying the notice of opportunity for a public meeting, date and location of the meeting, a summary of comments, and responses to substantive comments.

Public notice attached. Date published: 11/9/08, 10/24/10

Formal public meeting. Date: 4/19/07, 11/20/08, 10/28/10

Open house. Date:

Neighborhood meeting. Date:

Agency coordination and/or meeting. Date: 6/6/13

City Council Meeting. Date:

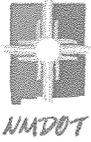
Other:

Public meeting notes attached.

Summary of public and/or agency comments attached.

Additional public involvement information: The County posted large (4x8ft) signs at the Rabbit Rd., Nine Mile and Avenida Eldorado Trailheads and booklets at local bike shops and on the County's website providing contact information and inviting public comment on the project from November 2006 to May 2007. Since 2010 we have maintained a page on the County's website, with information about the project and contact information to reach County staff with any questions or concerns.

[http://www.santafecountynm.gov/public\\_works/open\\_space\\_and\\_trails\\_program/rail\\_trail\\_property](http://www.santafecountynm.gov/public_works/open_space_and_trails_program/rail_trail_property)



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**18. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS**

The following environmental commitments shall be included in the final construction plans for the project:

1. Construction equipment will be cleaned prior to entering and exiting the site to prevent the spread of noxious weeds.
2. SWPPP will be in place prior to construction activities and best management practices in accordance with the SWPPP will be implemented.
3. Disturbed areas will be revegetated with a native seed mixture and mulch.
4. Section 107.14.8 of the NMDOT's 2007 Standard Specifications for Highway and Bridge Construction will be included in the construction specifications, requiring the contractor to remove unsuitable materials in accordance and coordination with environmental entities and regulations.

**END OF CHECKLIST**