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NRCS Team III Monthly Report

9/1/2023

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- Currently taking applications and conducting site visits for FY 2024.
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Conservation Stewardship Program – CSP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2024.
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program - Conservation Incentive Contract– EQIP CIC

- Currently taking applications for FY 2023
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1788631>

Conservation Innovation Grants- CIG

- CIG -supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.
- Proposals must be submitted through Grants.gov.
- Currently taking applications for FY 2023- Deadline TBA by NHQ
- 100% obligation by Sept 30, 2023.
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – RCPP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2024
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

Team III Update.

Staffing:

- Daniel Romero was selected for the Soil Conservationist, GS-0457-11 position with Team 3 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, effective 9/10/2023.
- Chasity Barnes was selected for Soil Conservationist for Santa Fe, effective 9/24/2023.

Training:

- On the job training being conducted by our lead planners to the new Techs on the Team.

Other - Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon – all employees will be required to spend 2 weeks assisting with the HP/CC recovery efforts.

- Farm Service Agency ECP- Emergency Conservation Program
- NRCS EWP –Emergency Watershed Program
- FEMA -Writing Restoration Plan
- Daniel Romero from the Taos Field Office has been reassigned to assist with the recovery efforts for the summer.

LWG Proposal:

- Please provide any comments or suggestions before Sept 14, 2023.

**Respectfully Submitted,
David Griego
District Conservationist, Team III**