

**Team III – Chama FO, Taos FO, Hernandez FO, & Santa Fe FO**

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**NRCS Team III Monthly Report**

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**Programs update:**

- Application Deadline for EQIP-IRA is February 7, 2025. Core practices that reduce green house emissions and increase carbon sequestration
- Application Deadline for CSP is February 7, 2025.
- USDA is increasing the minimum annual CSP payment for new contracts for agricultural producers participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program from \$1,500 to \$4,000 starting in fiscal year 2024.

**Team III Update.**

- Staff currently working on contracts that are expiring by the end of the year
- Due to warm winter, we still have staff doing Hermits Peak Calf Canyon conservation restoration plans
- Staff starting to schedule field visits for 2025 CSP & EQIP applicants

**Staffing update:**

- NRCS Soil Conservation Technicians have been filled. Matthew Sedillo officially with Team III stationed out of Santa Fe. Korina Bodish will be stationed out of Hernandez
- Jennifer Paris has been selected for the Team III Farmbill position. She will be housed out of Taos but available team wide.
- Rachel Doyle has been selected as the summer student, will be working out of the Chama field office. Rachel is attending NMSU
- A offer has been made for the Santa Fe lead planner.

**Training / Meetings:**

- Early 2025 trainings scheduled for new employees in Conservation Desktop and Cultural resources.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
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