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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.
- 2025 Priority Water Source Team III funding. Santa Fe County, primary focus is forest health. See attached map.

# Team III Update.

- Due to warm winter, we still have staff work for the Emergency Watershed Protection program in Roswell, Ruidoso, and the Las Vegas area.
- Staff starting to schedule field visits for 2025 CSP & EQIP applicants.
- Getting request for NMDA Healthy Soils program, will evaluate number of applications and the possibility of area staff help.

### 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 pathways student and will be working out of the Chama field office this summer. 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.

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