

NRCS Team III monthly report – March 2025 April 3rd, 2025

Chama field office, Taos Field office, Hernandez field office, and Santa Fe field office

Programs update:

- CSP preapprovals letter have been sent out to producers. NRCS field offices are working on developing the contracts. CSP field verifications start the week of April 7th.
- Team III ranked and accessed 158 EQIP applications for the Environmental Quality Incentive program (EQIP). EQIP preapproval letters are being sent out and contracts are starting to be built.
- Contract inspections are ongoing, a bit of a shuffle due to limited Job Approval Authority (JAA) on the team.

Team III update:

- We have two members of Team III on long term assignments assisting with the HPCC recovery efforts.
- Two staff members were able to return after previously being terminated. They started on 3/31/25.
- RIF (Reduction in Force) plan is expected to be released sometime this month.

Training.

The Lava Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting a rangeland inventory workshop April 22nd and 23rd.

Respectfully Submitted.

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