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The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) would first like to extend our condolences for the losses during the Dog Head Fire.

Edgewood SWCD staff has been working closely with the US Forest Service (USFS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Pueblo of Isleta, Chilili Land Grant, and Bernalillo and Torrance Counties to ensure that the fire rehabilitation on both the USFS and private properties is being addressed.

We wanted to give you another update of work completed so far within the Edgewood SWCD boundaries:

- Site assessments are being conducted by Technician, Kelly Smith and Watershed Scientist; Cody Stropki and NRCS staff.
- Staff has secured funding through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) application through NRCS for post fire rehabilitation in the amount of \$270,952.50.
  - Edgewood SWCD is responsible for required match totaling \$90,317.50.
- Edgewood SWCD was awarded State Disaster Assistance Funding for HESCO Baskets which will be used to secure the Bridge in Chilili in the amount of \$43,926.
  - The Pueblo of Isleta, Chilili Land Grant, will assist the Army Corps of Engineers and HESCO Rep with installation on 9/12/16.
  - 769.90 tons of sand was donated by Vulcan Materials Company of Albuquerque for this construction
  - Nu-Star Pipeline will provide match-funding for the projects along the pipeline above Chilili Land Grant
- Private funding has been received by ESWCD for assistance in the amount of \$6,000
- Edgewood SWCD has been awarded \$150,000 in Emergency Funds for restoration work from the State Board of Finance.
- Edgewood SWCD Dog Head Fire Restoration Cost-Share Applications have been distributed for area residents who do not qualify for EWP Funding. This is a 75%-90% local funding provided by the Edgewood SWCD, with a maximum reimbursement of \$4500 per landowner within the burned area.
- Edgewood SWCD has purchased and installed two weather stations that have been installed in Chilili, which will be coordinated with Bernalillo and Torrance County Emergency Office Coordinators (EOC) for flood alarm alerts.

- Contract work has begun through the Emergency Watershed Project (EWP) funding. As stated prior, the projects that have been approved for the EWP funding, are being paid at 75% of the total project cost by USDA-NRCS, and the 25% match will be provided by the Edgewood SWCD as the EWP Sponsor.
- We realize that there may be more rehabilitation work to be done. Another round of site visits are beginning November 16<sup>th</sup> by District Technician, Kelly Smith and/or Cody Stropki.
- If further work is required, it will be through the Edgewood SWCD Dog Head Rehabilitation Funding, which is a 75%-90% reimbursement payment of a maximum of \$4500 per landowner.

Enclosed with this letter please find the following:

- Dog Head Fire Coordinated Rehabilitation Group Activity Update
- A Claims Processing Under the Federal Tort Claims Act Info Sheet
- Dog Head Fire Report
- Edgewood SWCD Dog Head Restoration Cost-Share Application
- Edgewood SWCD Dog Head Restoration Guidelines.

We hope this information is of use. If you have any questions with any of the information in this packet, please call the office at 832-1111.

Sincerely,



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