

# NM

## NEW MEXICO



### Land and Water Conservation Fund Bureau of Land Management Rio Grande del Norte National Monument

#### Fiscal Year

FY 2023

#### Project Name

Rio Grande del Norte  
National Monument  
Expansion

#### Acres

3,700

#### Project Need

\$16,650,000

#### Federal Agency

Rio Grande del Norte  
National Monument, Bureau  
of Land Management

#### Natural Resources

Public recreation and  
sportsmen access

Scenic vistas

Wildlife habitat for wintering  
and migrating animals

#### Programmatic Significance

Cultural resources

Wild and Scenic Rivers  
watersheds

Wildlife habitat

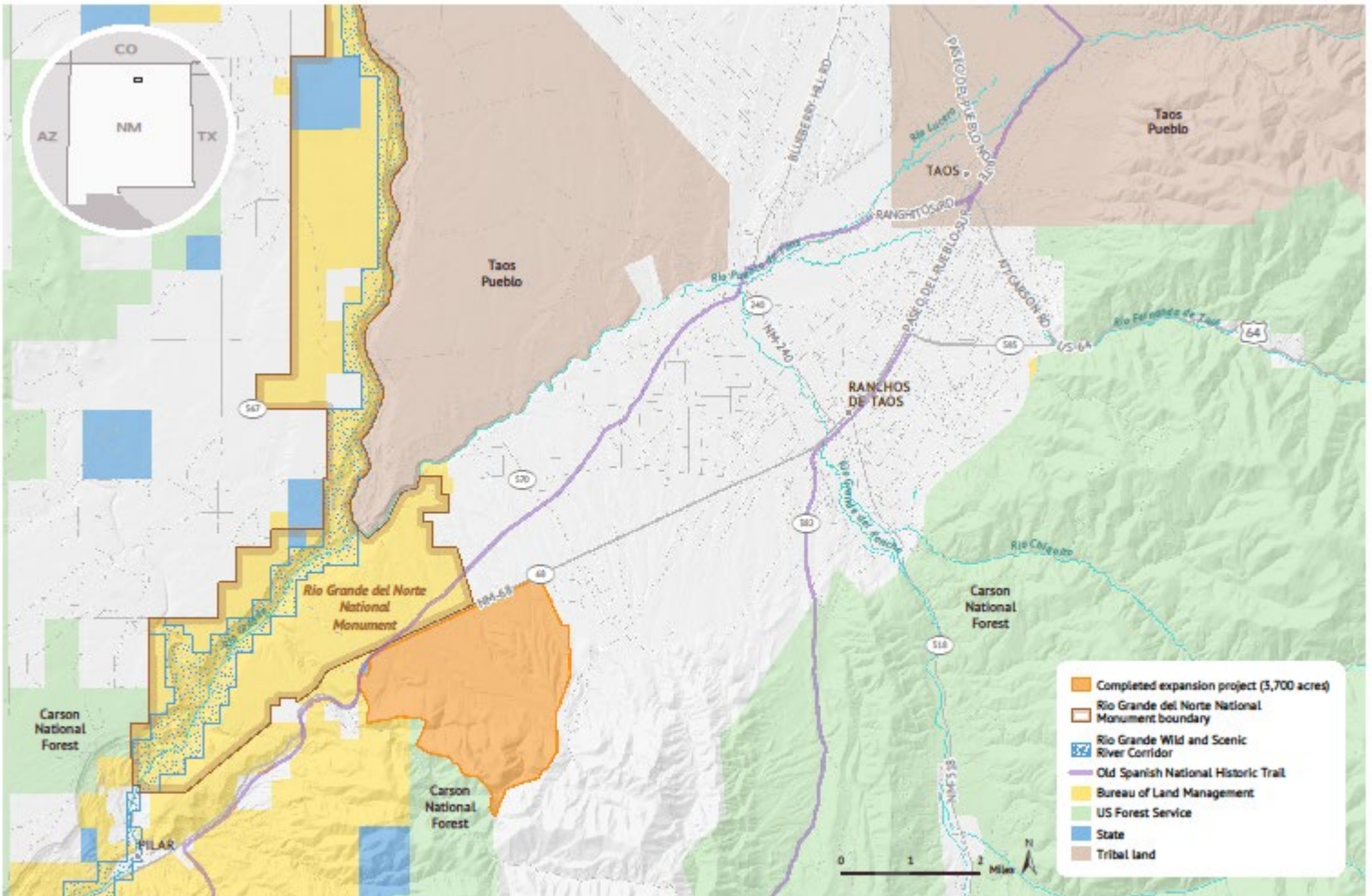


#### Rio Grande del Norte Expansion

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) is working to protect and expand conservation work being done at the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. The acquisition of the bordering lands will provide an opportunity to protect a nationally significant landscape which is at the heart of the Rio Grande del Norte. This addition will expand the area around NM Highway 68 on the south end of the Monument, allowing more recreational areas, trail system expansions, and connections to the Carson National Forest, while also providing an improved public overlook of the iconic Rio Grande Gorge. BLM has already made significant investments in this area and this project would be the fourth with the same landowner.

This expansion would be beneficial to the recreational values of the area, which annually receives millions of visitors from around the world. The unique setting of the Monument provides a wealth of recreational opportunities such as whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and camping. Recreation is a large economic driver throughout the state, making this project of the utmost importance.

Finally, this expansion will protect land which is at high risk for commercial development which would negatively impact the view shed and watershed of the Monument. Further, conservation of the land is imperative to increasing wildlife connectivity between the Monument, Carson National Forest, Taos Pueblo, and Picuris Pueblo.



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TAOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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