

Pueblo of Sandia Bosque Health and Fire Risk Mitigation

Final Report

Grant Period 10/15/2024 – 12/31/2024

Performance Period 10/21/2024 – 11/22/2024

Project Summary

Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps (ALCC) supported the Pueblo of Sandia in increasing forest health of the surrounding and culturally significant Bosque while also reducing the risk of catastrophic fire. The proposed project will recruit local and urban Indigenous youth to treat the project area by cutting dead and down logs and noxious weeds and swamping materials to allow the Pueblo to collect materials for community and cultural uses. Participants received job skill training and certifications, mentorship, and cultural education during their service terms.

Accomplishment Summary

Over the four weeks during the performance period, a six-person ALCC crew successfully treated an average of over 2.5 acres per week totaling in 10.77 acres treated. The participants bucked and swamped dead and down logs according to project partner needs and requirements as well as cut noxious weeds in the project sites including Russian olive and Siberian elm trees. Below are photos of before and after of the project site areas.



Image 1: Dead and down logs from prior treatments.



Image 2: Treatment and swamping of dead and down logs according to project partner needs.



Image 3: Cut noxious weeds and bushes.



Image 4: Swamped logs and cuttings.



Image 5: ALCC participant during project activities.