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Thanks Barbara for the additional information.

NMED will also need a copy of the complete 404 application that is submitted to the Corps, as required by 40 CFR 121.5(a)(1)(i). With the USACE's Regulatory Request System (RRS) to upload applications, I believe there is a way to use the RRS Dashboard and a PDF button to download a copy of the application – this might be the easiest way to send NMED a copy of the 404 application. I've never actually used the RRS system, so if you run into an issue with downloading a copy of the RRS application, please reach out the Corps for assistance.

Best regards,
Alan

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Thank you, Alan. Our desired estimated date range for project implementation is most likely the month of late September- early October 2026. Then the project would likely get going again after winter in mid- late April 2027. Those timeframes are what leadership has discussed with our partners thus far. Actual dates could change a little and they also depend on our permitting timeframes with the Corps process. Very much appreciated, and please reach out if there is anything else we can provide. Hope you're having a good start to your week.
Respectfully,
Barbara Cisneros

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Good afternoon, Barbara,

Thank you for the advanced review opportunity for the 401 water quality certification (WQC) request.

With the information and attachments you provided below, the certification request is nearly complete.

The certification request process is described under 40 CFR 121.5. Since New Mexico has not developed a separate list of what needs to be included in a certification request, this means paragraph (d) of 40 CFR 121.5 applies which simply means the certification request needs to include the items listed under paragraphs (a)(1) and (b) of 40 CFR 121.5.

The only real missing piece of information to complete the certification request is subpart 40 CFR 121.5(b)(5) i.e. "the date(s) on which the proposed activity is planned to begin and end and, if known, the approximate date(s) when any discharge(s) may commence." Do you know the range of dates that the restoration work will take place?

A pre-filing meeting is optional and not required. NMED hereby waives the pre-filing meeting requirement. A copy of this email can be used to document and satisfy 40 CFR 121.5(b)(7).

As part of NMED's requirements to issue an individual WQC (20.6.2.2002 New Mexico Administrative Code), NMED must conduct a 30-day public comment period. It will take

NMED several weeks to prepare and begin the public comment period – we will keep you updated.

I also appreciate your and the USFS's time, support, and collaboration on this project.

Best regards,
Alan

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Good afternoon, Alan,

Attached is part of the Cibola National Forest's (CNF) submittal to the Corps of Engineers for Clean Water Act (CWA) 404 permitting related to the Shush'kin Fen Restoration project, for which NMED is a partner. CNF submitted the updated proposal and LOP request into the Corps' RRS system on 6/11/2026, and additional submittal package information will be uploaded to the Corps soon. Because it is a histolic fen, Regional General Permit conditions

preclude this restoration project from coverage under Nationwide Permit 27. For that reason, CNF is requesting a Letter of Permission (process attached), which requires an individual CWA 401 Water Quality Certification. I have provided the updated proposal here, as well as the associated Delineation/Aquatic Resources Report. For the CNF, the project proposal is covered under the *Northern New Mexico Riparian, Aquatic, and Wetland Restoration* related NEPA analysis and decision, along with its associated ESA, NHPA, and Tribal consultation processes and coverage documentation. During a conversation today with Forrest Luna, he mentioned I should also send part of the package to you in advance of the notice you will receive from the Corps related to the 401 WQC request. Please let me know if you have any questions or if further information or documentation is needed as we move through this permitting process. We appreciate your time, and the support and collaboration with NMED. Hope you have a fun and relaxing long holiday weekend.

Respectfully,
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