



## Restoring Land Health on a Landscape Level

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"RESTORE NEW MEXICO" is unique because of its vision and scale. In the past, normal land treatments were on a scale of 40 to 640 acres. Today, those small treatments are almost non-existent. Under Restore New Mexico, BLM is working with state and federal agencies, ranchers, energy companies, conservation groups and other partners to magnify the scale of treatments. Over the last 5 years, the Restore New Mexico initiative has used mechanical, chemical and prescribed fire to treat over 750,000 acres of rangeland that was invaded by creosote, mesquite, juniper, and salt cedar. The abundance of before and after photos in this presentation tells the story. The results are incredible, with improved water quality and quantity, reduced erosion, improved wildlife habitat, and significantly healthier rangelands. Our job isn't done; we need to take advantage of every opportunity to promote partnerships, our vision and our achievements. Knowing we haven't reached our goal yet, means we can't just count past acres treated. We need to continue on, treating more acres, monitoring to ensure we are achieving positive results, and building partnerships to be the best stewards possible of America's Public Lands.

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