

# EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## ESWCD News

### DRIP IRRIGATION WORKSHOP

**SAT. APRIL 23  
1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

**EDGEWOOD  
SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE**

**2506 ROUTE 66  
MORIARTY, NM**

**CALL 832-1111  
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT  
BY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>**

### Free Firewood Permits

The United States Forest Service and the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District will issue free firewood permits for cut wood on the area known as the "Doghead". This area is located 7 miles north of Tajique on Forest Road 321.

\*Beginning Monday, April 25th

\*Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM

\*4 cords per person/ per day.

\*A US Forest Service load tag must be attached

\*An original signed New Mexico State Forestry permit must be on hand at all times.

For more information call the ESWCD Office at 832-1111.



### Update on Cibola National Forest Plan Revision

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The Cibola National Forest is revising its 1985 Cibola Forest Plan. Forty-two (42) governmental agencies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be cooperators in the plan revision effort.

These agencies have formed "Landscape Teams" in Sandia, Mountainair, Mount Taylor, and Magdalena Districts. Brenda Smythe and Rebecca Skartwed are the Point of Contact for the Sandia District. Please visit the Sandia Landscape Team's Facebook Page for updates at:

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=sandia%20landscape%20team>

The Cibola Forest Service staff will prepare a preliminary draft plan and alternatives for review and comment by the cooperating agency landscape teams. This draft plan and alternatives will be released to the public for review and comment in July, with a 30 day comment period. Public meetings will be held on the four mountain districts following the draft plan release.

For more detailed information on the Cibola forest plan revision can be found at:  
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cibola/landmanagement/planning/>



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WATER-SAVING DEVICE  
**#79**

COLLECT WATER FROM YOUR ROOF BY INSTALLING GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS. DIRECT THE RUNOFF TO PLANTS AND TREES.

There are a number of ways to save water, and they all start with you. To learn more visit [wateruseitwisely.com](http://wateruseitwisely.com)

WATER USE IT WISELY

## Isleta Collaborative Landscape Restoration Project

The Isleta Collaborative Landscape Restoration Project is located on the crest of the Manzano and Manzanita Mountains and spans three headwater streams that provide downstream drinking water to rural Hispanic and Native American communities residing in the Chilili and Taji que Land Grants and Isleta Pueblo. This area is located roughly 40 miles southeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and visible to a larger community of approximately 900,000 people. Because of the proximity to Albuquerque, there is high recreational use.

Large scale wildfires that were adjacent to tribal reservation boundaries during the 2008 fire season, initiated efforts by the Pueblo of Isleta Tribal Council, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Forest Service and Chilili Land Grant and other adjacent landowners to collaboratively develop beneficial, cross-jurisdictional fuels treatments. These landscape scale treatments are designed to reduce the potential risk of wildfires and loss of important community, cultural, and natural resources and values.

This 10,420-acre project will thin forested lands on Isleta Pueblo, Chilili Land Grant and on the Cibola National

Forest; which will protect water quality and drinking water supply for the communities of Isleta, Chilili and the Taji que Land Grant and private homeowners. It will provide fuel wood which is important to these communities, create local employment opportunities with both Hispanic and Native American youth and young adults and will also increase the small-scale wood products industry. An important aspect of this project is to employ and train local crews under the Tribal Forest Protection Act. The Pueblo of Isleta and Chilili Land Grant are implementing activities on their lands by developing and training local thinning crews comprised of a diverse mix of ethnic backgrounds including Native Americans and Hispanic community members.

The Cibola has developed agreements to utilize these crews on National Forest System lands through Stewardship Authorities and workforce development programs.

In addition to the work funded through the Joint Chiefs Initiative, the Pueblo of Isleta has continued restoration on the south eastern corner of their land, while Chilili Land Grant has continued to thin and remove material from 290 acres of their adjacent to the Cibola. The Pueblo and Chilili have executed their work by developing and training local thinning crews comprised of a diverse mix of ethnic backgrounds including Native Americans and Hispanic community members.



**Pueblo of Isleta Fire Crew ~ 2015**

**EDGEWOOD SWCD  
COST-SHARE PROGRAM  
APPLICATION DEADLINE:  
5/20/16**

**Eligible Applicants** for our program is any person addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries.

*Projects within city limits are not eligible.*

**Categories for applications include:**

**Urban:** 1 lot – 639 acres

**Farm / Ranch:** Determined by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) specifications Schedule F

**Community:** Senior Citizen Centers, Parks, Schools, Churches etc.

**Payments** will be made on 75% of the actual cost of the project, or maximum of \$4500, whichever is less. Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

*Maximum cost-share amount is \$4,500.*

**Eligible Practices Include, but not limited to:** Brush Management, Critical Area Planting, Cross Fencing, Diversion, Forest Stand Improvement, Irrigation Pipeline, Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) Conversion, Livestock Pipeline, Water Harvesting and Windbreak Plantings with Drip Irrigation Systems.

**For more information call 832-1111.**



**Underground Water Storage Tanks**

*The Function of a Conservation District is to take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so they meet the needs of the local land user.*

## Native Grass Seed

The Edgewood SWCD sells native grass seed year round.

**Blue Grama / Buffalo / Native Lawn Mix / Western Wheat / Dryland Blend / Winter Rye / Jose Tall Wheat**

\*Prices range between \$4.00 - \$22.00 per pound.

\*Sales Monday-Friday, between 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

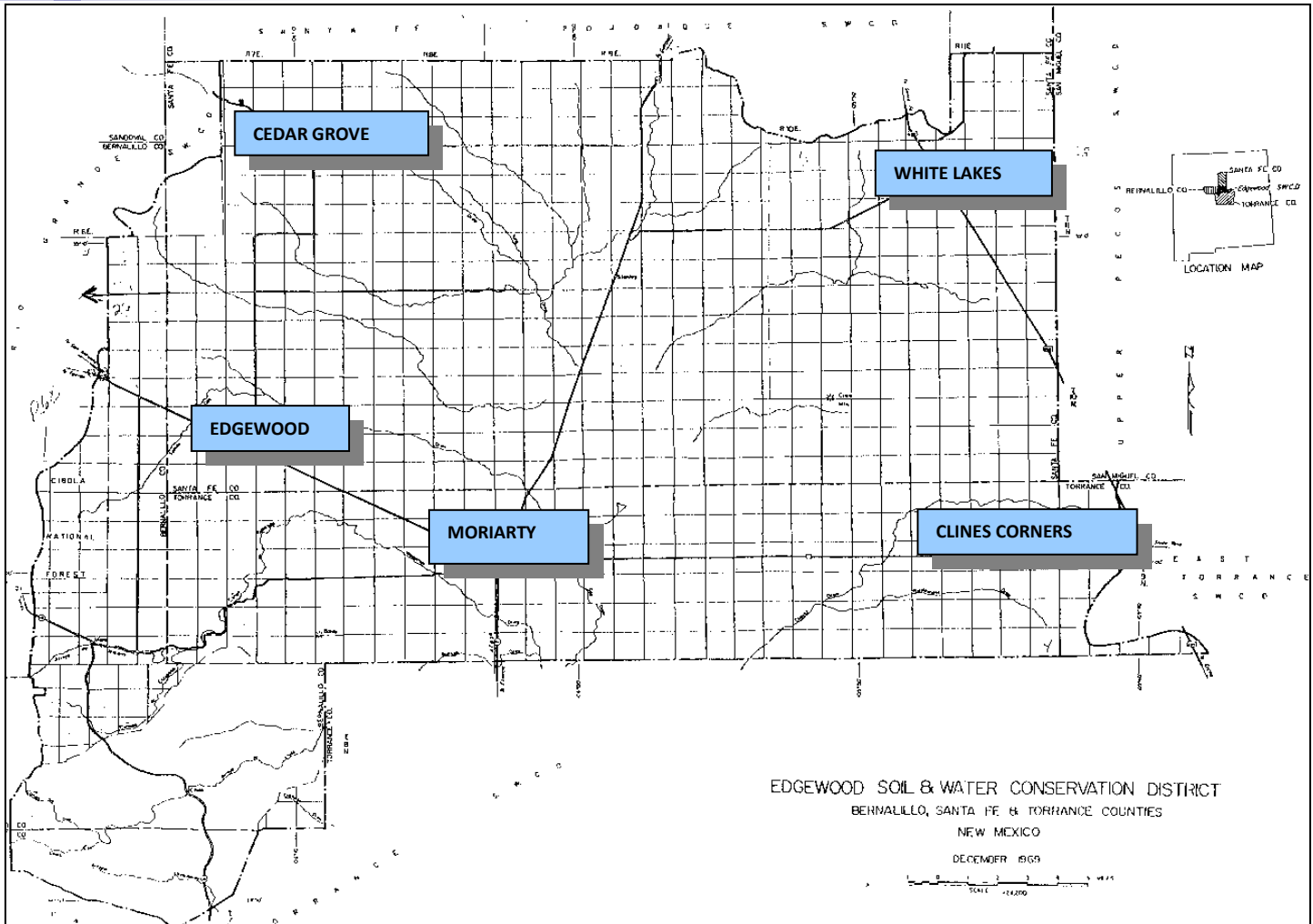
\*Cash or checks only.



**Blue Grama is a warm-season perennial grass.**



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