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Comments: Thank you for reviewing my comments on the Wetland Restoration Project EA. This is a very thorough assessment of the project and its environmental consequences. Only two alternatives are examined. The information presented clearly shows how the "no action" alternative is untenable. A quick look at the "at risk" or "impaired" resources on these public lands demonstrates that the current management scenario is inadequate; more must be done to protect (and hopefully enhance) these watershed resources. Approving a "generic" approach to all wetlands projects on these public lands makes sense; there is no way much will get done if each individual project needs its own assessment. Following well-documented and historically successful project procedures will lead to resource improvement. In my experience on wetlands on the Santa Fe National Forest the following areas need the most attention: livestock access to stream banks and meadow wetlands; off-road vehicle access from informal camping hotspots; concentration of impacts near formal recreation areas (downstream from Lake Fenton, near Jemez Falls, Battleship Rock).

I have participated as a volunteer on several projects in the Santa Fe National Forest: litter clean up, beaver dam construction, fence construction, trout reintroduction. I hope to participate in many more such projects. Approval of this EA, with alternative B being pursued as a management priority, will help to make future projects more likely.