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## **ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR -2025**

### **July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025**

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (UHSWCD) abides by the Soil and Water Conservation District Act and the Open Meetings Act. Programs and assistance are available to all people, without regard to race, color, sex, or national origin, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Hondo District Office, 267 Main Road, Capitan, New Mexico. The Public is encouraged to attend meetings.

### **FEDERAL FUNDING -**

- BLM: Noxious weed treatments -110 acres; wind energy research – 3,094 hours; and fuel reductions/brush removal - 260 acres projects totaling \$23,640.
- Wildland Urban Interface (3 grants) 50/50 cost share for brush removal on private property: Rio Bonito - 135 acres totaling \$162K, Nogal area –47 acres totaling \$94K and Rio Bonito Phase II -72 acres totaling \$89K

### **STATE FUNDING**

- Energy Minerals and Natural Resources: Invasive Plant Management in the Rio Hondo Watershed – treated 680 acres twice, primarily for thistle along the Rio Bonito totaling \$10K

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## **COUNTY FUNDING**

- Weed treatment program in cooperation with Lincoln County thru the Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area (LCCWMA) totaling \$48K treating a total of 211 acres and 59 miles of public areas through Lincoln County.

## **DISRICT FUNDING**

- The Upper Hondo SWCD's cost share projects totaled \$187K; namely 6-brush management (\$54,100), 4-livestock watering facilities (\$25,388), one weed treatment (\$5,526), 4-pipeline/ditch replacements for acequias (\$33,000), and 7-rainwater harvesting (\$51,700), 2 cross fencing project (\$14,900) and five shade ball cost shares (\$3,254)-for a total of 18 different projects.
- Sold 2,430 pounds of native grass seed to local landowners
- Provided access to horticulture grade vinegar for local residents to use in thistle treatment
- Through a special program – we are providing scholarships to 5 local students

**Kate Cooper**

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