



Rio Grande River Watershed

Resources at work from October 1, 2009 - September 30, 2010

The Rio Grande River Watershed totals 4,794,870 acres.

It includes all and/or portions of Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Hinsdale, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache Counties.

NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Alamosa, Center, La Jara, Monte Vista, and San Luis USDA Field Service Centers to provide assistance to watershed residents.

The Colorado Watershed Approach

Instead of the traditional statewide approach in addressing priority resource issues like soil erosion, water quality, grazing lands, wildlife, and animal waste, NRCS looks to Colorado's ten watersheds to identify their particular local resource needs and priorities.

Watershed work groups meet annually to determine which natural resource concerns are most prevalent in their communities.

In turn, Colorado NRCS focuses its resources on addressing those concerns. Colorado's local conservation districts provide leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level.

High Priority Resource Concerns in the Rio Grande River Watershed

- Water Quantity
- Invasive Species
- Water Quality
- Rangeland Health
- Erosion

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Productive Lands -
Healthy Environment

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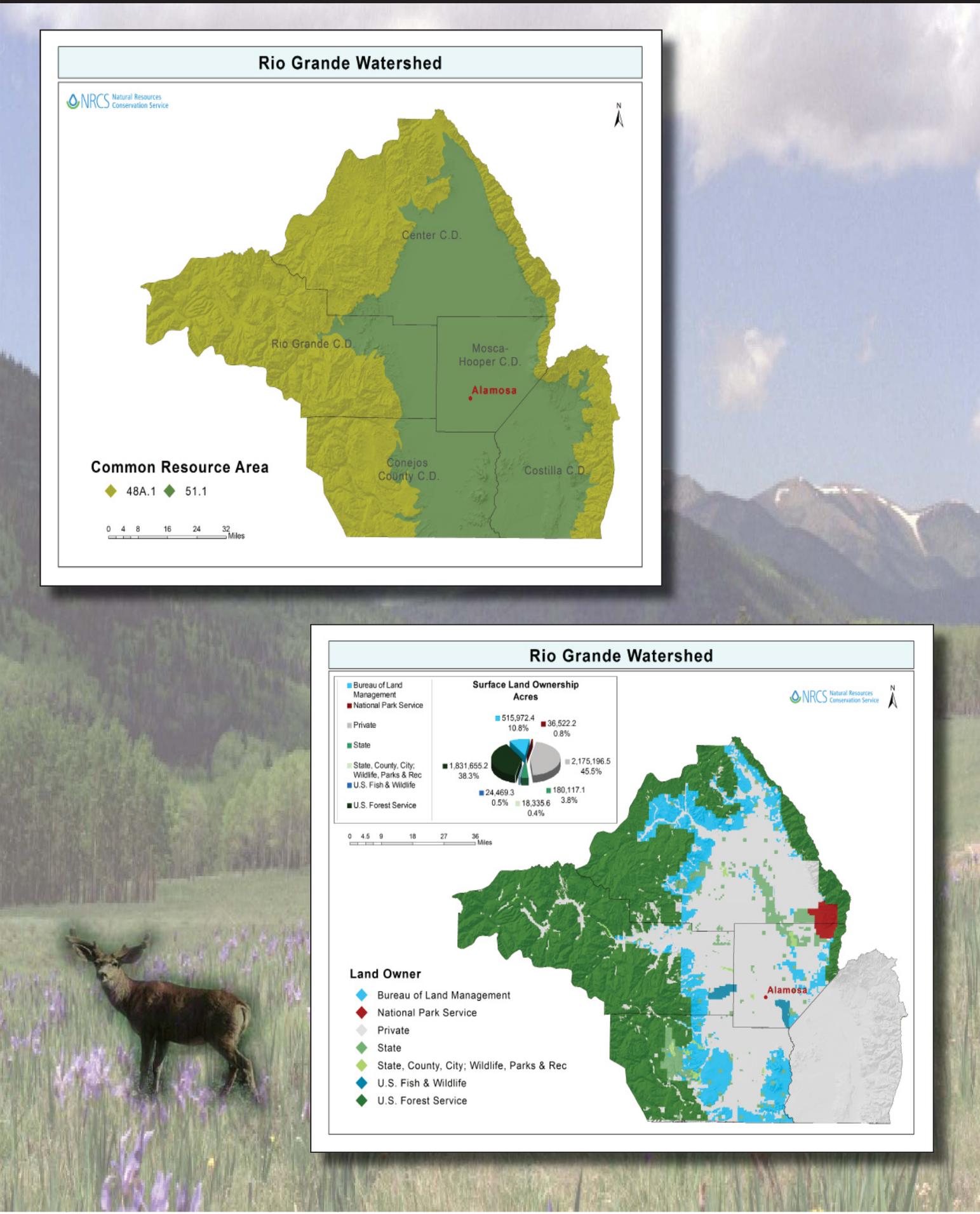
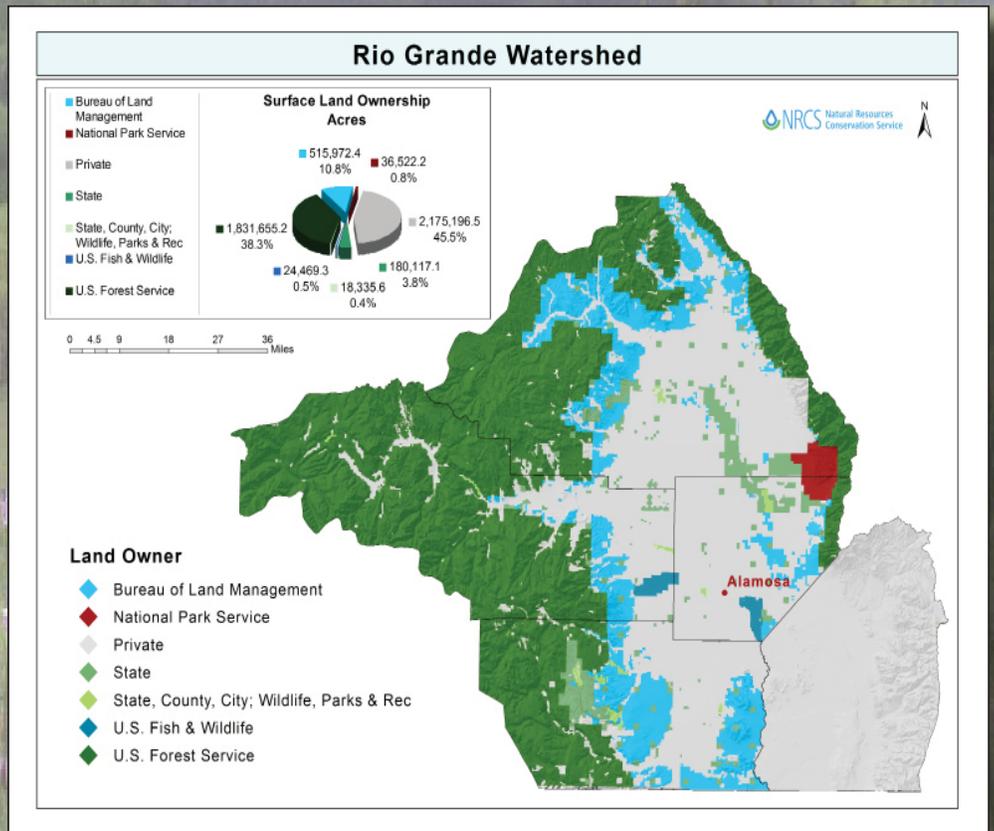
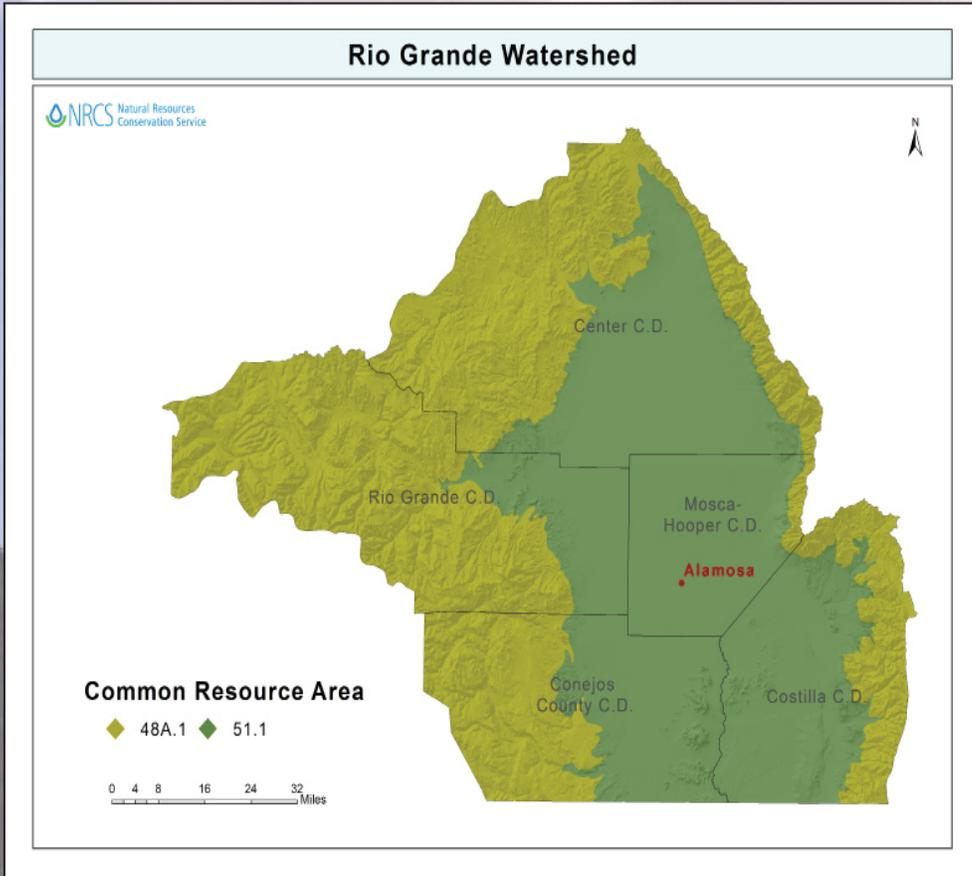
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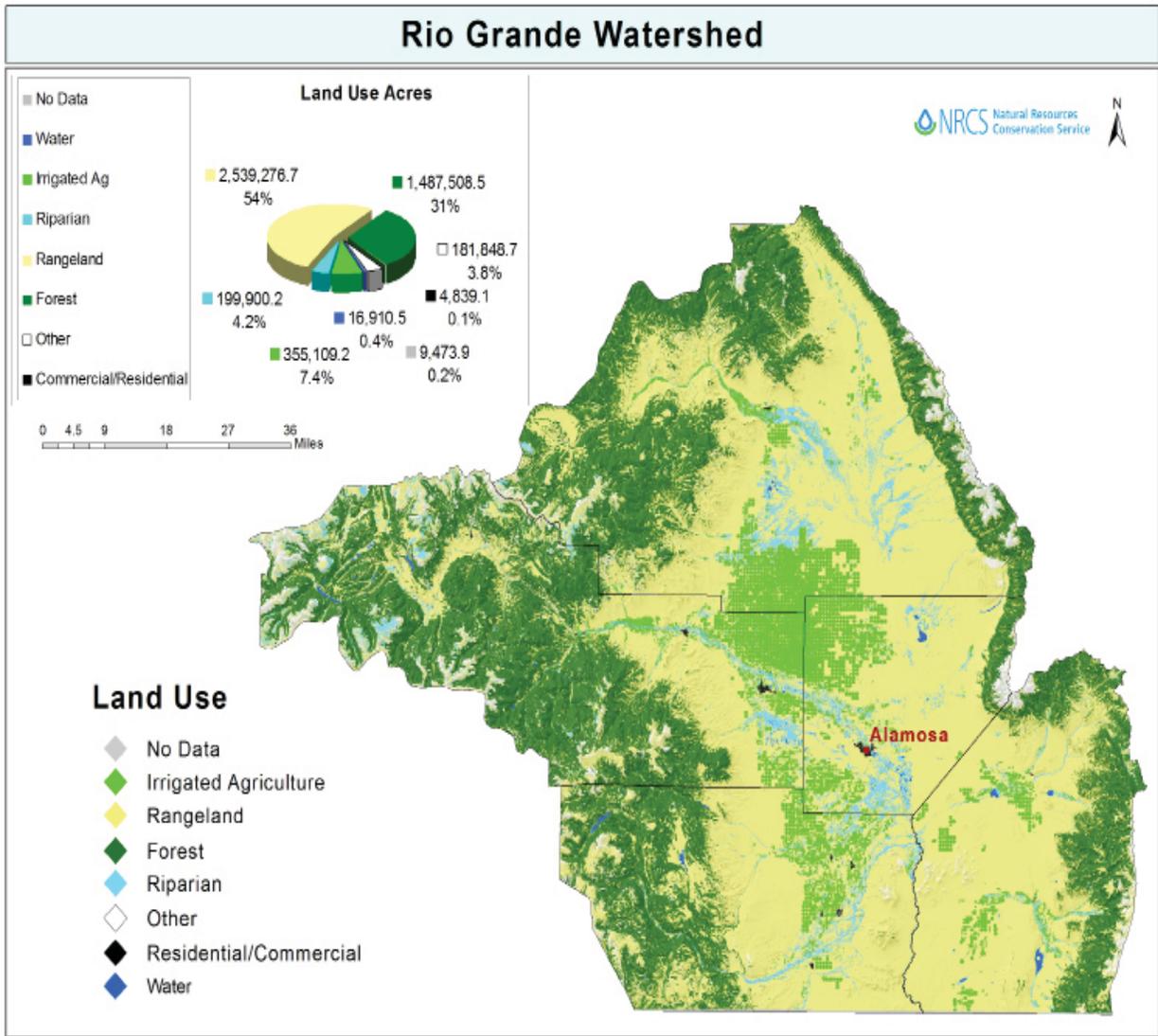
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75 A Legacy of Conservation
Years Helping People Help the Land

Watershed Profile



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Fiscal Year 2010 Environmental Quality Incentives Program Summary



Rio Grande River	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Rio Grande - Acequias	34	25	\$255,838	4,541
Rio Grande - All Lands/Wildlife	1	1	\$3,946	170
Rio Grande - Cropland/Water Quality/Quantity	75	23	\$805,800	29,228
Rio Grande - Grazingland	27	14	\$368,738	25,578
Rio Grande - Riparian	7	2	\$71,670	70
Conservation Partnership Program	5	5	\$251,957	63
Organic-Certified	7	6	\$198,973	3940
Organic-Transition	5	4	\$112,953	482
Planning - Agriculture Energy Management	10	3	\$3,900	3,962
Totals	171	83	\$2,073,774	68,034

Farm Bill Program Activities Summary Rio Grande River

NRCS Program	Applications Received	Contracts Approved	Dollars Approved	Acres Treated
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	21	20	\$697,580	24,196
Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP)	1	1	\$950,000	354
Wetland Reserve Program WRP	4	1	\$57,375	106
Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)	9	9	\$286,191	590

Farm Bill Program Activities Statewide Summary

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Contracts: 768

Acres: 615,000

Financial Assistance: \$27.2 Million

Agricultural Water Enhancement Program

Contracts: 12

Acres: 1,705

Financial Assistance: \$941,296

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Contracts: 19

Acres: 5,610

Financial Assistance: \$537,742

Grasslands Reserve Program

Rental Contracts/Easements: 8 / 4

Acres: 25,315 / 8,161

Financial Assistance: \$2.8 Million / \$3 Million

Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program

Properties/Entities: 14 properties, 7 entities

Acres: 15,752

Financial Assistance: \$6.5 Million

Wetlands Reserve Program

Easements: 2

Acres: 729

Financial Assistance: \$949,875

Conservation Stewardship Program

Applications: 471

Acres: 1.3 Million

Financial Assistance: \$11.8 Million