



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Draft 2026 Escudilla Landscape Watershed Restoration Action Plan & Watershed Based Plan Addendum

The purpose of this Addendum is to edit and update the Escudilla Watershed Restoration Action Plan (WRAP) so that it can also serve as a nine-element Watershed Based Plan (WBP) under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319.

This Addendum was composed by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Watershed Protection Section (WPS) in collaboration with the Gila National Forest (GNF) and in communication with EPA Region 6. The WRAP is a U.S. Forest Service planning document, and the WBP is a U.S. EPA and state planning document. The Escudilla WRAP was published in 2018 and has been actively used by the GNF. The Escudilla WBP focuses on non-point source pollution within the San Francisco River Basin for the temperature and sediment impaired reaches of the San Francisco River that have a TMDL. Once accepted by EPA, projects described in the Escudilla WBP will be eligible for on-the-ground CWA Section 319 funding.

The draft 2026 **Escudilla Landscape Watershed Restoration Action Plan & Watershed Based Plan Addendum** is available for public comment and can be found at [Public Notices](#)

The Surface Water Quality Bureau welcomes comments to improve the WBP, particularly comments that identify additional pollution sources, management measures, and project locations to improve water quality with respect to water temperature and sediment.

The comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. Comments postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to Jocelyn.harimon@env.nm.gov.

