

Comanche Creek Restoration Volunteer Weekend

Friday-Sunday July 27-29, 2007

Comanche Creek watershed, situated

in the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest, was historically logged, grazed by domestic livestock and elk, hunted, and mined. These activities created many roads, overgrazed landscapes, decreased vegetation and increased fine sediment along and within the creek and watershed.

Various organizations and agencies have come together over the past years to help restore Rio Grande Cutthroat trout (RGCT) habitat along Comanche Creek.



Steve Carson and Gallup YCC crew members building mini-exclosure along Comanche Creek, July 2006.

Bill Zeedyk, Steve Carson, Craig Sponholtz and Restoration Trainees will lead groups of volunteers to build restoration structures (vanes, exclosures and various up-land treatments) on the lower and middle reaches of Comanche Creek. This will be a great opportunity to learn hands-on how to and install these treatments! Visit the Comanche Creek Website (www.comanchecreek.org) for a virtual overview of the project. Come for one or all three days. This will be our only workshop on Comanche Creek this year and our last as part of a Clean Water Act Section 319 (h) EPA Grant.

The Santa Clara fire crew install a vane with a J-hook to help protect an eroding bank and provide RGCT habitat, September 2006.



We appreciate all our volunteers and their hard work that has made this project a success!

You can register on our website at www.quiviracoalition.org, or for more information phone 505-820-2544 Ext. 5#, or eeducation@quiviracoalition.org. registrants will receive a more detailed informational letter that will include times, directions and locally meeting location, available accommodations and camping options.

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