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Rio Grande Water Fund Update

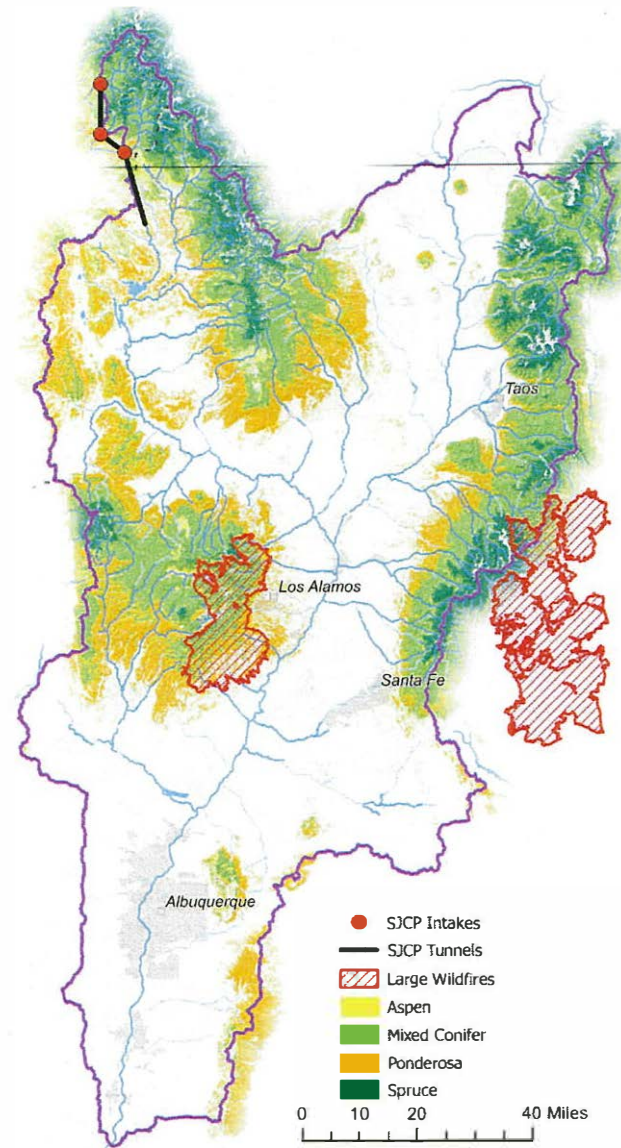
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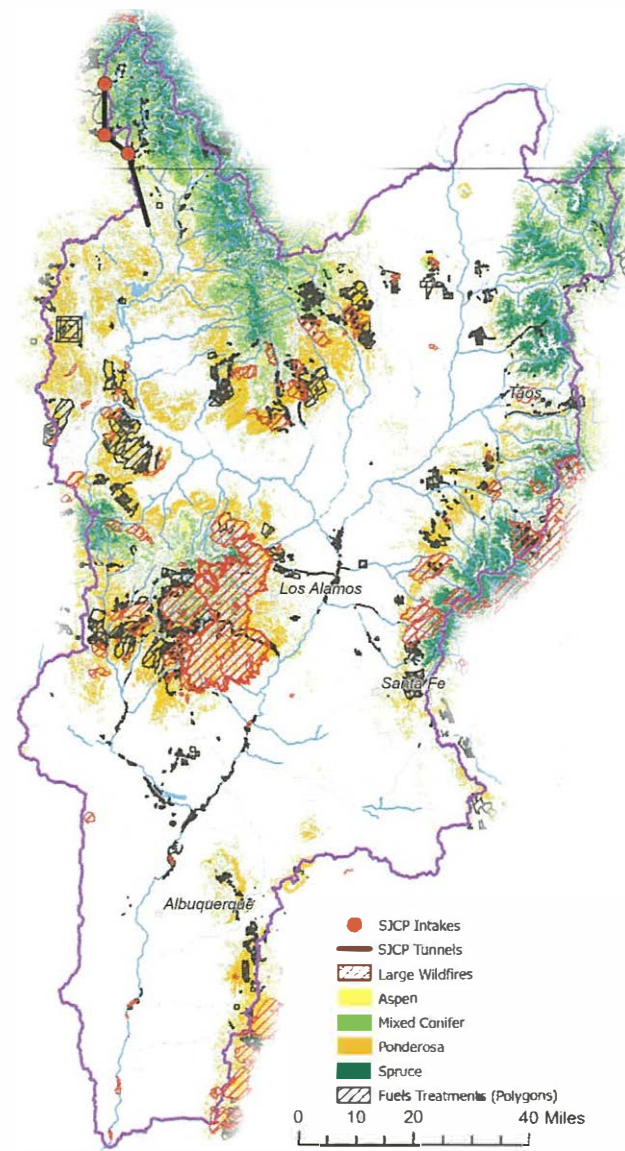
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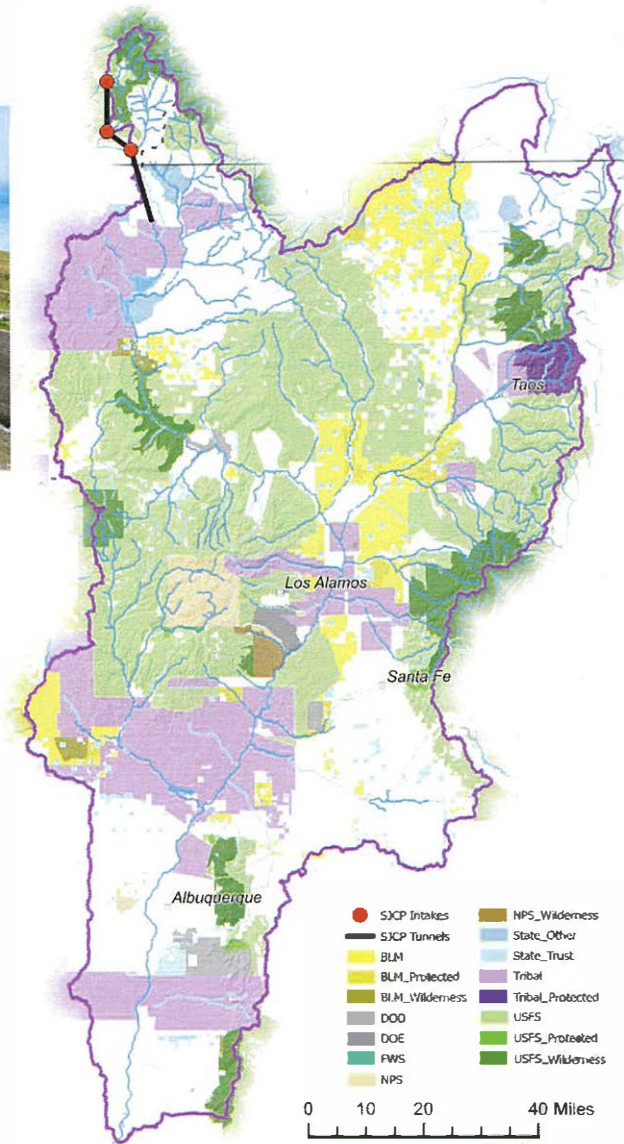


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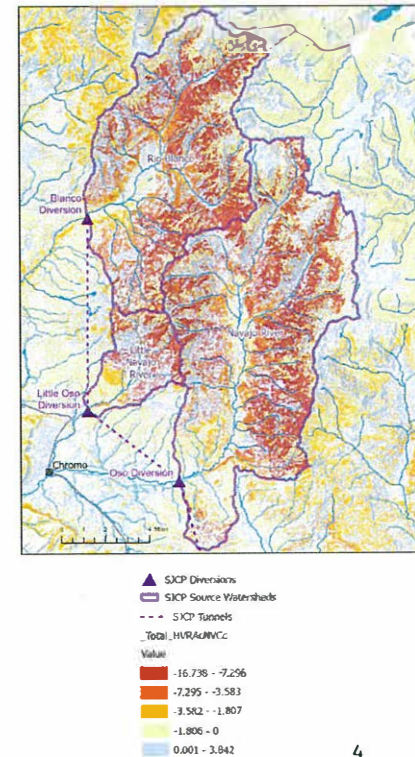


Headwaters Transcend Jurisdictions

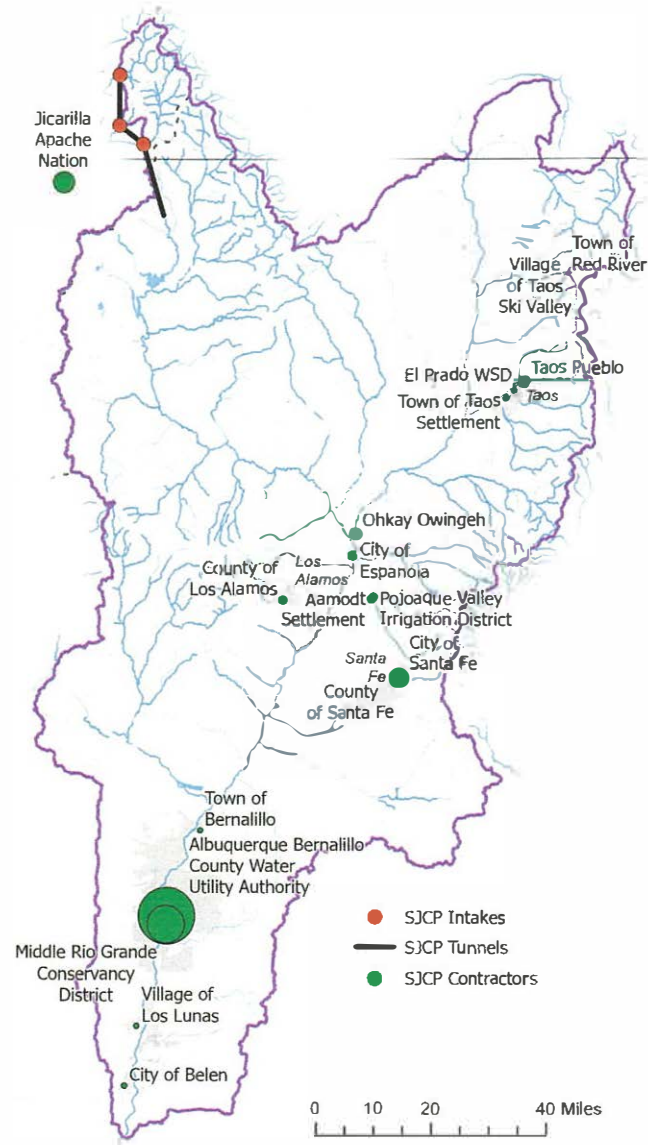
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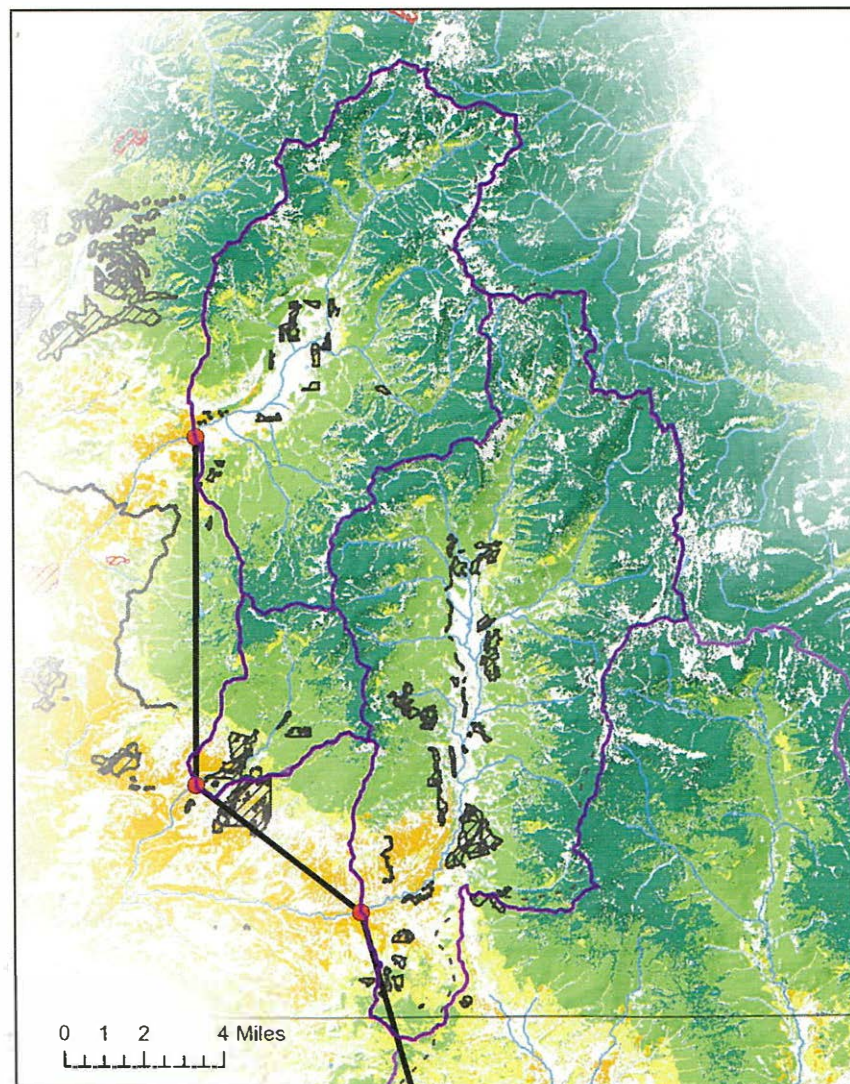
Wildfire Risk in the San Juan-Chama Project Headwaters



New Mexico Benefits



Maximizing Return on Investment



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A Wildfire and Water Source
Protection Project

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San Juan-Chama Project

SJCP Contractor	Volume (AF)
Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority	48,200
Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District	20,900
Jicarilla Apache Nation	6,500
City of Santa Fe	5,230
Taos Pueblo	2,215
Ohkay Owingeh	2,000
Aamodt Settlement	1,079
Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District	1,030
City of Espanola	1,000
County of Los Alamos	1,000
City of Belen	500
Town of Bernalillo	400
Town of Taos	400
Village of Los Lunas	400
County of Santa Fe	375
Town of Taos Settlement	366
Town of Red River	60
El Prado WSD	40
Village of Taos Ski Valley	15

