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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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[AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov](http://AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov) and email to [billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov](mailto:billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov)*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}***Date Prepared:** 1/27/2026*Check all that apply:***Bill Number:** SB 110Original  Correction Amendment  Substitute **Sponsor:** Sen. Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Sen. Angel M. Charley**Agency Name  
and Code**Office of the State Engineer  
550**Number:****Person Writing**Sharon Wirth**Short****Title:**Bosque Management Projects(505) 469-Sharon.wirth@ose.nm.**Phone:** 0751**Email:** gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
0	\$15,000	nonrecurring	GF

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the Interstate Stream Commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to plan, implement and maintain bosque management projects in the middle Rio Grande valley. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2028 shall revert to the general fund.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

This bill provides for \$15,000,000 in funding for planning, implementing, and maintaining bosque management projects.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Bosque management projects include both sediment and vegetation management and typically entail labor- and equipment-intensive treatments to manage overgrown areas that are at risk of fire and create an impediment to the conveyance of water. The ISC does not have existing staff and equipment to self-perform this work and would either need to partner with existing entities on the ground, like the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, to execute this work, and/or would need to dedicate up to 1.0 FTE to plan, create, and manage the contracts that would be required to expend this additional funding.

The ISC is working to advance river and habitat management projects as quickly as possible at current staffing and funding levels, and in coordination with local entities like the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. Large-scale implementation that would be facilitated by the \$15,000,000 appropriations should be stretched out over time. Expending the funding within 2027 and 2028 could be very difficult, even in coordination with local entities.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This funding would increase the workload of existing ISC staff and could require the dedication of up to 1.0 FTE to plan, create, and manage the contracts that would be required to expend this additional funding. The agency could create a TERM position and fund it out of the appropriation.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This stand-alone appropriation is complementary to the OSE/ISC's executive request for \$6 million for Rio Grande Conveyance Work and the LFC's recommendation of \$7 million for MRGCD Bosque Management work. The appropriation language should be broadened to ensure that the OSE/ISC Rio Grande Conveyance Work could also be conducted with this appropriation if that work is not funded through another source.

#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

No additional Middle Rio Grande Bosque Management work would be conducted beyond what would be done within the OSE/ISC current efforts.

**AMENDMENTS**

None