

# HORSESHOE SPRINGS EXCHANGE



## A COMPLEX FEDERAL LAND EXCHANGE WITH NUMEROUS STAKEHOLDERS AND THE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST IN NEW MEXICO

This complex federal land exchange was a win-win for several private landowners, a homeowner's association, the Santa Fe National Forest and New Mexico recreationists. Private lands transferred to the public through the exchange included scenic canyons, conifer forests and pristine creeks located within the East Fork of the Jemez River National Recreation Area. The Federal land transferred into private ownership was already developed with forty-seven recreation cabins under special use permits from the Forest Service. When the transaction closed in 1998, it was the first land exchange successfully completed by the Forest Service in New Mexico in over ten years. The total value of the exchange properties was over \$1.1 million.

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