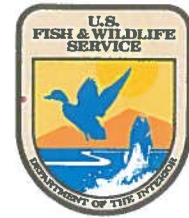




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Dear Stakeholders & Friends of Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge,

We are pleased to announce we will be hosting a stakeholder meeting to develop the Strategic Refuge Infrastructure and Facilities Plan (SRIFP). We invite you to attend and offer your valuable insights to improve overall refuge access and visitor experience at Rio Mora NWR. Key points of discussion will include:

1. Coordinated Opportunities (Partnerships): Develop partnerships and leverage resources to improve transportation assets (roads, multi-use trails, parking areas, etc.) and facility solutions for the next 5-50+ years
2. Asset Management: Provide a sustainable transportation program that addresses current and future needs
3. Safety: Provide safe & secure access to and within the refuges
4. Environment: Conserve and protect natural & cultural resources
5. Accessibility, Mobility, and Connectivity: Ensure refuges have appropriate levels of access, mobility and connectivity for all visitors and staff
6. Visitor Experience: Develop and maintain a transportation network that welcomes and orients visitors while providing a unique wildlife-oriented experience

Please consider attending our stakeholder meeting from **2:00-4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 19th** in person or virtually at the Rio Mora Thaw Environmental Education Building located at 1612 NM Highway 161, Mile Marker 16, Watrous, NM 87753. A link will be provided to those wishing to attend virtually. Thank you for contributing your time and expertise to your National Wildlife Refuges.

Please RSVP and direct any questions to Alyssa Lu, Visitor Services Specialist via email at alyssa_lu@fws.gov or phone at 505-425-3581.

Sincerely,

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