





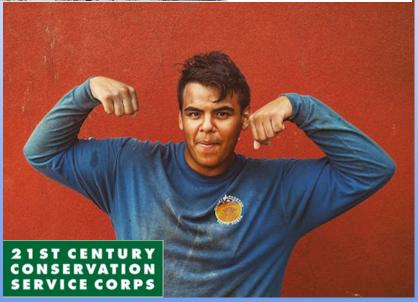


Organizational Background

- Founded in 1995
- Mission: RMYC is a stepping stone to new opportunities. We inspire young adults to make a positive difference in themselves and their communities.
- Offices in Taos and Albuquerque
- Serve the Middle and Upper Rio Grande regions
- Serve over 180 youth and young adults yearly







THEN...

- Modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps
 - Government operated
 - Training and projects
 - Men only

NOW...

- 21st Conservation Corps
 - Partnership operated
 - Diverse crews
 - Training and project work
 - Cost effective solutions
 - **■** Cooperative Agreements
 - Cost-sharing match
 - Customizable Program Models
 - Youth Development

Projects Examples:

- Trails
- Erosion control
- Fencing
- Non-native species removal (hand)
- Recreation access
- Monitoring
- Construction
- Preservation
- Forest Restoration



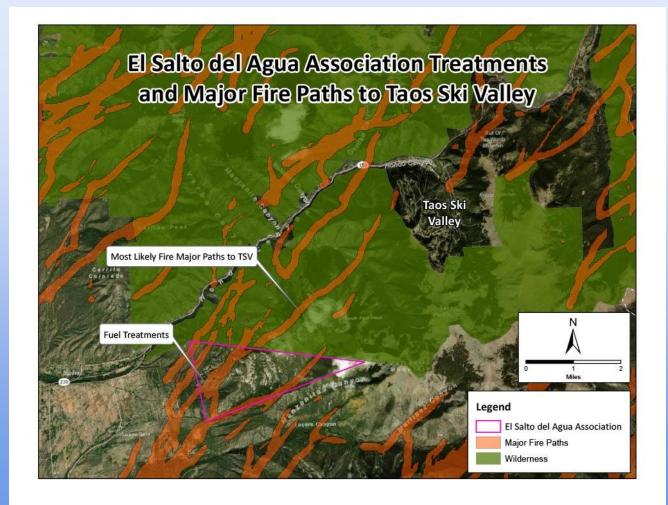






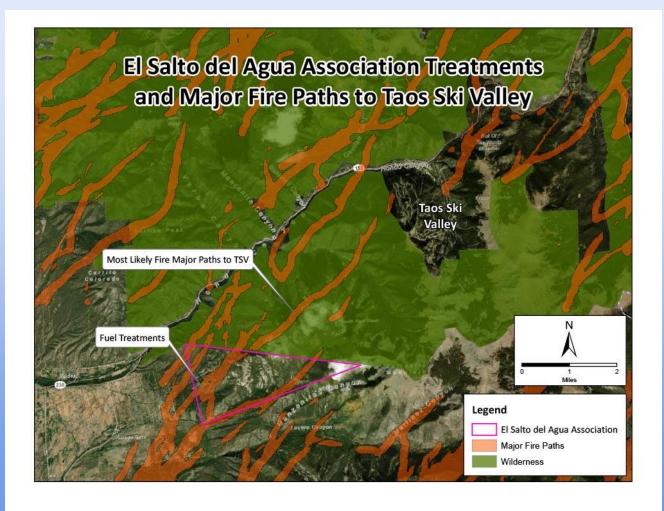
Brief List of RMYC Thinning Projects

- El Medio CFRP
- Highway 150 Corridor
- La Jara Canyon
- Wind Mountain
- El Salto de Agua Land Association



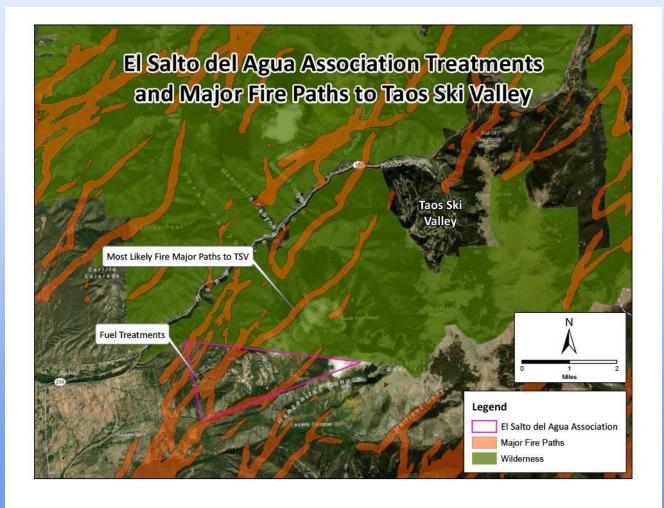
The Project:

- 191 acres
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 private and
 sovereign tribal
 property.
- Catastrophic wildfire would impact adjacent communities, cultural resources, and watershed.



Challenges:

- Cross-boundary with multiple property owners
- Funding
- Organizational Capacity
- Red Tape
- Biting Off More Than We Can Chew



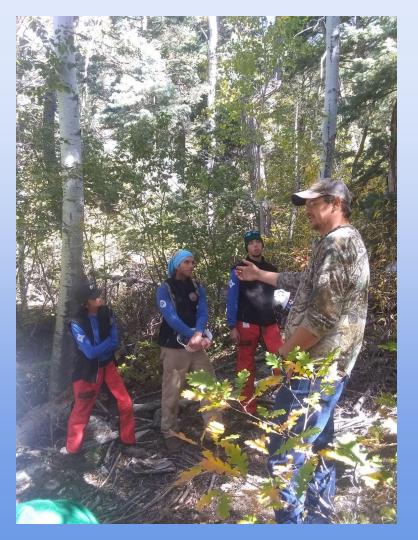
Recipe for Success

- 1 Part Youth Corps
- 1 Part Taos County WUI Coordinator
- 1 part Taos Valley
 Watershed Coalition
- 1 Part El Salto de Agua Land Association
- 1 Part Taos Pueblo
- 1 Part Private Contractor
- 1 part Taos Soil and Water Conservation District
- 1 Part New Mexico State Forestry Division
- 1 Part Rio Grande Water Fund

How did we bring everyone together?



Food!



- Site ID by Del Medio Forestry/Taos County WUI Coordinator
- Treatment Prescription Written by New Mexico State Forestry
- Monitoring by Taos Soil and Water Conservation District
- Treatment on El Salto de Agua Land Associaton Property by Rocky Mountain Youth Corps and Watershed Dynamics
- Treatment on Taos Pueblo Land by Taos Pueblo Division of Natural Resources
- Funded by The Nature Conservancy –
 Rio Grande Water Fund



Questions?