

## **NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM**

### **Boundary Description of a segment of the Rio Chama River in New Mexico And designated as the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River Corridor**

Public Law 100-633

100<sup>th</sup> Congress

November 7, 1988

This is the final boundary description of the area designated in Section 1, Subsection 3(a) of the above mentioned Act.

This boundary description is divided into two segments;

**Segment one** is classified as a wild river. This segment begins about one mile south of El Vado Dam at the El Vado Ranch launch site on the Rio Chama, within Township 27 North Range 2 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, and extends downstream to Forest Service Road 151. A portion of this segment is within lands of the Bureau of Land Management and a portion is within the administrative boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest.

**Segment two** is classified as a scenic river. This segment starts from Forest Service Road 151 and extends to an elevation of 6353 feet.

All coordinates are NAD83 (2011). Coordinates reported to the nearest second are scaled from USGS 7.5' topographic maps, other coordinates were surveyed with GPS. Elevations were derived from the following 7.5' USGS topographic maps:

El Vado 2002

Navajo Peak 1995

Laguna Peak 1953

#### **Segment 1**

Beginning at the point on the left bank of the Rio Chama approximately 0.28 miles downstream from the footbridge at the El Vado launch site at which a watercourse enters said river from the north (36° 34' 53" N, 106° 43' 34" W);

THENCE from the point of beginning and approximately N 36° E 0.16 miles to point, 36° 34' 59.101" N, 106° 43' 27.908" W;

THENCE, approximately S 42° E 0.48 miles to a knob with an elevation of 6959 feet (36° 34' 41" N, 106° 43' 07" W);

THENCE, approximately S 09° E 1.08 miles to a knob with an elevation of 7090 feet (36° 33' 45" N, 106° 42' 55" W);

THENCE, approximately S 14° E 0.57 miles to a point on the south boundary of the Tierra Amarilla Grant and the right bank of the Rio Nutrias, from which the left bank of the Rio Chama lies 1286 feet southwesterly as measured along the right bank of the Rio Nutrias (36° 33' 16" N, 106° 42' 47" W);

THENCE, approximately S 28° E 0.19 miles to the east 1/16 corner of Sections 22 and 27 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southerly approximately one mile to the east 1/16 corner of Sections 27 and 34 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, westerly approximately 3/4 of a mile along the section line common to Sections 27 and 34 to the section corner common to Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southerly approximately 1/2 of a mile along the section line common to Sections 33 and 34 to the ¼ corner common to Sections 33 and 34 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southeasterly approximately 0.7 miles to the North ¼ corner of Section 3 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southerly approximately 1/2 of a mile along the north-south center line of Section 3 to the center ¼ corner of Section 3 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, westerly approximately 1/4 of a mile along the east-west center line of Section 3 to the center west 1/16 corner of Section 3 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southerly approximately 3/4 of a mile to the northwest 1/16 corner of Sections Section 10 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, easterly approximately 1/4 of a mile along the east-west center line of the northwest quarter of Section 10 to the north 1/16 corner of Section 9 and 10 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southerly approximately 1/2 of a mile along the section line common to Sections 9 and 10 to the south 1/16 corner of Sections 9 and 10 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southeasterly approximately 0.78 miles to the center west 1/16 corner of Section 15 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southeasterly approximately 0.71 miles to the east 1/16 corner of Sections 15 and 22 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, southeasterly approximately 1.12 miles to the west 1/16 corner of Sections 23 and 26 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian a point on the north boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest;

THENCE, easterly along the section line common to Sections 23 and 26 Township 26 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian, coincident with the north boundary of the Santa Fe National Forest, to a point ¼ mile east of the left bank of the Rio Chama;

THENCE, southerly, parallel with and ¼ mile east of the left bank of the Rio Chama approximately 5.8 miles to a point on the east-west center line of Section 24 Township 25 North, Range 2 East, of the New Mexico Principle Meridian, which is a point on the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness, said point being ¼ mile east of the left bank of the Rio Chama;

THENCE, approximately N 86° 44' W along the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness and approximately 1600 feet along the east-west center line section line of Section 24 Township 25 North, Range 2 East, of the New Mexico Principle Meridian, to the ¼ corner of Sections 23 and 24;

THENCE, westerly and leaving the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon wilderness approximately 920 feet to a point ¼ mile west of the right bank of the Rio Chama;

THENCE, northerly, parallel with and ¼ mile west of the right bank of the Rio Chama approximately 9.5 miles to a point on the south line of Section 4 Township 26 North Range 2 East New Mexico Principle Meridian, said point being ¼ mile west of the right bank of the Rio Chama;

THENCE, leaving the National Forest Boundary approximately N 61° E 0.47 miles to a knob with an elevation of 7321 feet (36° 30' 44" N, 106° 43' 35" W);

THENCE, approximately N 04° E 0.38 miles to a knob with an elevation of 7202 feet (36° 31' 04" N, 106° 43' 33" W);

THENCE, approximately N 62° W 0.77 miles to the south 1/16 corner of Section 33 Township 27 North Range 2 East New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, approximately N 33° E 0.66 miles to a knob with an elevation of 6903 feet (36° 31' 52" N, 106° 43' 54" W);

THENCE, approximately N 54° W 0.76 miles to the section corner common to Sections 28,29,32 and 33 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, northerly approximately one mile along the section line common to Sections 28 and 29 to the section corner common to Sections 20,21,28 and 29 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;



THENCE, easterly approximately 3/4 of a mile along the section line common to Sections 21 and 28 to the east 1/16 corner of Sections 21 and 28 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

THENCE, northerly approximately 637 feet along the boundary between Lot 1 and Lot 2 Section 21 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian to the south boundary of the Tierra Amarilla Grant;

THENCE, approximately N 05° W 0.75 miles to the most westerly of two knobs with an elevation of 6880 feet (36° 33' 53" N, 106° 43' 40" W);

THENCE, approximately N 18° E 0.44 miles to a knob with an elevation of 6937 feet (36° 34' 15" N, 106° 43' 31" W);

THENCE, approximately N 25° W 0.75 miles to a point , 36° 34' 50.592" N, 106° 43' 51.447" W;

THENCE, N 57° 45' approximately 0.19 miles to the ordinary high water line on the left bank of the Chama River;

THENCE, southeasterly along the ordinary high water line on the left bank of the Chama River approximately 0.14 miles to the point of beginning.

This segment encompasses approximately 19.83 river miles and an area of approximately 6,175 acres.

## **Segment 2**

Beginning at the southeast corner of segment one which is a point ¼ mile east of the left bank of the Rio Chama;

THENCE, from the point of beginning following the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness the following ten courses and distances;

Easterly along the east-west center line of Section 24 to the center quarter corner of Section 24 Township 25 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

Southerly approximately 1/2 mile along the north-south center line of Section 24 to the quarter corner of Sections 24 and 25 Township 27 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian;

Approximately S 22° E 0.60 miles to the summit if a knob with a contour elevation of 6,660 feet, north of Chavez Canyon (36° 22' 15", 106° 40' 33" W);

Approximately S 03° E 0.46 miles to a U.S. Forest Service Boundary monument marked STA. A8 (36° 21' 50.886" N, 106° 40' 30.905" W);

S 26° 04' 56" E 2891.54 feet to a U.S. Forest Service Boundary monument marked STA. A7 (36° 21' 25.212" N, 106° 40' 15.367" W);

S 69° 19' 49" E 2510.86 feet to a U.S. Forest Service Boundary monument marked STA. A6 ( 36° 21' 16.451" N, 106° 39' 46.656" W);

Approximately S 47° E 0.40 miles to the northeast corner of the Canyon De Chama Grant;

S 62° 50' E 1492 feet along the east boundary of the Canyon De Chama Grant to meander corner one of the Canyon De Chama Grant;

S 01° 20' W 862 feet along the east boundary of the Canyon De Chama Grant to meander corner 2 of the Canon De Chama Grant;

Approximately S 55° E 0.49 miles to mile post 1 on the east boundary of the Canon De Chama Grant, said point being the southeast corner of Segment 2;

THENCE, leaving the south boundary of the North Unit of Chama River Canyon Wilderness approximately S 66° W 0.68 miles to mile post 3/meander corner 10 on the west boundary of the Cañon de Chama Grant, which is a point on the north boundary of the South Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness (36° 30' 17.880" N, 106° 39' 24.937" W);

THENCE, following the north boundary of the South Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness the following seven courses and distances;

Approximately N 73° W 0.38 miles to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,520 feet (36° 20' 24" N, 106° 39' 48" W)

Approximately N 03° E 0.42 miles to the summit of a knob with an elevation of 6,624 feet (36° 30' 46" N, 106° 39' 47")

Approximately N 85° W 0.70 miles to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,620 feet (36° 20' 48" N, 106° 40' 32" W)

Approximately N 38° W 0.22 miles to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,620 feet (36° 20' 57" N, 106° 40' 40" W)

Approximately N 24° W 0.47 miles to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,560 feet (36° 21' 19" N, 106° 40' 53" W)

Approximately N 08° W 0.49 miles to a U.S. Forest Service Boundary monument marked STA. 92 (36° 21' 45" N, 106° 40' 57" W);

Approximately N 71° W 0.37 miles to the section corner of Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 25 North, Range 2 East;

THENCE, leaving the north boundary of the South Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness, northerly approximately 1/2 mile along the section line common to Sections 25 and 26 to the 1/4 corner common to Sections 25 and 26, Township 25 North, Range 2 East, which is a point on the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness;

THENCE, approximately N 21° E 0.37 miles along the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,540 feet;

THENCE, approximately N 12° W 0.39 miles along the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness to the summit of a knob with a contour elevation of 6,540 feet;

THENCE, approximately N 36° W 0.36 miles along the south boundary of the North Unit of the Chama River Canyon Wilderness to the ¼ corner common to Sections 23 and 24 Township 25 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian;

THENCE, easterly along the east-west center line section line of Section 24 Township 25 North Range 2 East of the New Mexico Principle Meridian to a point ¼ mile east of the left bank of the Rio Chama to the point and place of beginning;

This segment encompasses approximately 5.08 river miles and an area of approximately 1,447 acres.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
New Mexico State Office

I hereby certify that the map and boundary description herewith represents the boundary of the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River within the jurisdiction of the New Mexico State Office.

Signed: Thomas G. Maestas  
ACTING Chief Cadastral Surveyor

Date: 3/4/2019

I hereby certify and accept the map and legal description of the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River within the jurisdiction of the New Mexico State Office as entered into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under Public Law 100-633.

Signed: Emily Blum  
State Office Director

Date: 3/4/2019

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
United States Forest Service  
Southwest Region

I hereby certify that the boundary description and final map made a part of this description herewith represents the location of the boundary of the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River on the Santa Fe National Forest.

Signed: Chris A. Chavez  
Regional Land Surveyor

Date: 2/7/2019

I hereby certify and accept the boundary description and final map of the Rio Chama Wild and Scenic River on the Santa Fe National Forest as entered into the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under Public Law 100-633.

Signed: Calvin W. Jones  
Regional Forester

Date: 2/11/2019