

December 13, 2018

Corrales Bosque Preserve Research Permit Application
General Policy

I. Introduction

The policy of the Corrales Bosque Advisory Commission (“CBAC”) and Village of Corrales (“VOC”) is to promote sound ecological management of the Corrales Bosque Preserve (“Preserve”) which can be informed and enhanced by quality scientific information. Understanding our preserve is vital to improving any management decisions and expanding the public’s general knowledge of the biota therein. Research will be allowed as long as it can be conducted in a manner that does not threaten or diminish the resources for which this preserve was established.

Research projects should be designed to advance the understanding of resources or ecosystems that are considered to be of interest to both the researcher and CBAC/VOC. We request that researchers get input from CBAC, VOC, and the Corrales Fire Department in development of their project design. Basic scientific research designed to advance a more broad scientific understanding is also encouraged. Because of the Corrales Preserve’s unique character within the Middle Rio Grande Corridor, it is important to design research that is minimally disturbing to the natural resources within it. Researchers are strongly encouraged to read the Corrales Bosque Habitat Management Plan, available at the Village office or from CBAC, before submitting research proposals to CBAC for recommendation. Once the project is approved by the Village, the researcher should contact Corrales Fire Depart for access and implementation. Research results should be made available to CBAC and VOC and, if possible, a brief presentation of results should be given at a CBAC monthly meeting

II. Bounds of the Preserve

The Corrales Bosque Preserve (Preserve) encompasses an area of 662.4 acres on the west side of the Rio Grande within the territorial limits of the Village of Corrales. It is a narrow strip of relatively natural habitat along the Rio Grande, bounded by the Corrales Siphon on the north (the source for the Corrales Main Canal), the Alameda Boulevard bridge on the south, the western low water line of the Rio Grande on the east, and on the west by, 1) the western right of way line for the Sandoval Lateral Canal wherever the canal runs parallel to the Corrales Riverside Drain, and 2) the western right of way line for the Corrales Riverside Drain wherever the Sandoval Lateral Canal does not run parallel to the Corrales Riverside Drain (Corrales Village Code, Section 11-3).

III. Key Elements of the Research Permit Application

1. General Information
 - 1.1 Project name
 - 1.2 Sponsoring Agency/ Institution
 - 1.3 Name of lead investigator
 - 1.4 Proposed time frame

2.0 PROJECT OUTLINE

- 2.1 Define the research question(s) to be asked and what methods will be employed to address them.
- 2.2 Explain how the proposed research is in accordance with applicable laws and regulations regarding the Preserve (Ordinance 234).
- 2.3 Explain the extent of the proposed activity, particularly the use of destructive sampling (if any) and how this will be minimized or mitigated.
- 2.4 Elaborate on why the proposed research needs to be performed in the Corrales Preserve, rather than another Middle Rio Grande bosque tract.
- 2.5 Explain how the proposed research meets goals outlined in the Corrales Bosque Habitat Management Plan, or how it furthers a basic understanding of Bosque ecological functioning or value.
- 2.6 Does the proposed research unreasonably disturb Preserve resources or visitors?
- 2.7 Has the proposed research been peer-reviewed by recognized experts and recommended as scientifically valid?
- 2.8 Does the proposed research require additional state, federal, or local permits? Have those permits been obtained?
- 2.9 Does the proposal require substantial work during migratory bird nesting season or involved any species that are Threatened or Endangered?
- 2.10 Does the proposed research require collection of specimens or artifacts?
 - 2.10.1 What will be the disposition of any collected specimens? If so, then:
 - 2.10.2 Does the proposed research encumber the VOC regarding equipment, or logistical support?
 - 2.10.3 The research proposal must contain a detailed Field Sampling Plan (FSP).
- 2.11. Proposal must contain an abbreviated Emergency Action Plan and, as necessary, a list of needed Personal Protection Equipment.
- 2.12. Maps delineating the bounds of the scientific investigation

IV. Process

The above elements and questions are to be incorporated into a draft research proposal, containing a FSP, and also contain the additional elements of names, contact numbers and emails of all personnel on the project, and their project roles. In addition, the expected duration of the project, resources needs, and as best as can be estimated, the actual dates of research to be carried out in the Preserve. This document shall then be submitted to the CBAC, Corrales Fire, and the VOC for consideration. Project proposals and FSPs that contain destructive sampling elements may require that the proposer obtain a letter of support from the CBAC and present the proposal to the Village Council of Corrales. Approved projects will be issued research permits which must be displayed in any and all vehicles within the confines of the preserve, and with at least one member of the research crew.

V. Liability

The VOC does not maintain, inspect or deem safe trails within the Preserve. All participants have read and agree to abide by Corrales Ordinance 234 (Corrales Bosque). The permittee must agree to hold harmless the VOC and Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District and their employees from any injury, death or property damage occurring as a result of an activity.

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to be accessible on the Village website

Project Name:

Principal Investigator name, company/institution, contact number(s), email address:

Additional personnel names, project roles, contact numbers, email addresses:

Expected date(s) of the research:

Please attach a document (Word, Google, text, etc.) addressing the questions asked under the Key Elements and Process section in the General Policy document. A map or precise language indicating the area you wish to utilize is important.

The Village of Corrales does not maintain, inspect, or deem safe any trails within the Corrales Bosque Preserve.

Insurance must be carried by research participants.

The permittee agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Village of Corrales and the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District from any injury, death, or property damage occurring as a result of an activity.

Signature (non-electronic) of principal investigator:

_____ Date: _____

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Village of Corrales Research Permit

Project:

Issued to (Principal Investigator):

Date:

Expiration Date:

Signature:

_____ Date: _____
Authorized Village contact