



park's popular Tornillo Trail. The final stage of the project will be installation of the turnout itself by El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1. 🦋

WINDMILLS ON THE HORIZON

Thanks to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and Chihuahuan Desert Wildlife Rescue (CDWR), Rio Bosque should soon have two windmills in place to provide water at two key sites. One will deliver water to a stand of Goodding willows now badly stressed by drought. The other will help maintain a pocket of wetland habitat near an overlook popular with park visitors. The USBR is providing the windmills; CDWR is funding installation of the wells. Sincere thanks go to both for their dedicated support of the park! 🦋

DROUGHT CONTINUES

As this newsletter reports, recent months have seen many positive developments for Rio Bosque. For the most part, though, the effects will be felt in the future, not immediately. Our region continues in severe drought. In 2013, we expect Rio Bosque will once again be largely dry during the irrigation season. Once again, to offset limited availability of surface water from the Rio Grande, there will be extensive groundwater pumping in the region. And, once again, k175(at)-5(e)0on1c1 369..e mtritfldlhank-23 Tm(i)-2