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Lower Rio Grande Ecosystem Initiative Information Products

The Rio Grande (Rio Bravo del Norte) border area evokes images of wilderness; however, the realities of present-day population pressures are rapidly transforming this formerly wild frontier. The Lower Rio Grande Ecosystem Initiative was established by the National Biological Service (now the Biological Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey) to address research and information needs along the Lower Rio Grande from Elephant Butte Reservoir to the Gulf of Mexico. As part of this effort, we have compiled the following information resources for this region.

Biology of the Rio Grande Border Region: A Bibliography

Information and Technology Report
USGS/BRD/ITR--1997-0001

This bibliography currently includes nearly 2,000 references to the literature of the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo del Norte). The bibliography focuses on the biological literature, divided into major subject areas, with supporting literature from the physical and environmental sciences. The 1997 print version of the report is available for loan from select depository libraries across the country. The bibliography is also available in both full-text and searchable versions on the Internet at: <http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/pubs/riogrande/riogran3.htm>.



Aerial view of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo in Big Bend National Park, Texas (USGS photo/Ken Osborn)

Directory of Federal Natural Resources Research in the Rio Grande Border Region

This directory currently provides detailed information on agencies within the Department of the Interior with interests, responsibilities or programs related to natural resources within the Rio Grande border region. Information for additional federal agencies will be added as the database is expanded. The directory is available as a searchable database on the Internet, and includes contact information as well as specific research activities and programs, and keyword searching capability. The URL for the directory is: <http://www.cerc.usgs.gov/pubs/riogrande/index.htm>.

These products reflect the diversity of the natural resources and research efforts within this region, and facilitate collaboration and information exchange among those involved in preserving and protecting borderlands ecosystems. Both products are available as searchable databases on the USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center's Lower Rio Grande Ecosystem Initiative web page at: <http://www.cerc.cr.usgs.gov/lrgrei/lrgrei.html>.

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The endangered ocelot is found in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas (USFWS photo/Tom Smylie)