

Hydrological Modeling Data Dashboard for the Middle Rio Grande



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Introduction

NEED ADDRESSED: Better understanding of water resources and physical processes, and addressing vulnerability to climate and the potential effects of climate change.

Source of Need: Rio Grande Needs Assessment (DBS&A, 2022)

NASA

Primary NASA Tools: NLDAS (precip, air temp, potential ET), MODIS (snow cover extent, LAI), GRACE TWS

- Hourly weather data drive MIKE SHE integrated and other hydrologic models
- MODIS- calibration to snowpack; LAI to drive simulated snowmelt and ET
- GRACE provides a calibration check on simulated total water storage change over time (experimental for Rio Grande Basin)



Partners

Interstate Stream Commission/OSE (primary)

Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

New Mexico Tech/NMBGMR/NMWDI

BOR, ACOE, USFWS, ABCUA, Rio Rancho, USGS

Partner Benefits:

- Facilitated development/updating of high-resolution models
- Ability to widely share select outputs, including water balance by river reach, Actual ET components, etc.

Decision Making and Impact:

- Much faster sampling of NLDAS data saves thousands of dollars in modeler time
- High-resolution models permit testing of various water and vegetation management alternatives
- Technology is transferable to other basins

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