

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ben Ray Luján highlighted funding made available for the Nacimiento Mine Cleanup Project through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Nacimiento Mine Cleanup Project will receive approximately \$1.1 million in funding. The project is ready to begin and funding for the project is available immediately.

“We are already seeing benefits from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” said Rep. Luján. “The Nacimiento Mine Cleanup Project will be able to begin quickly and provide real economic benefits to Sandoval County, as well as protect land from contamination.”

The Nacimiento Mine is a former copper mine in Sandoval County located in the Santa Fe National Forest. The Recovery funding will help with reclamation and recovery of the surrounding land.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the work will clean up and restore 25 million gallons of groundwater at Nacimiento Mine near Cuba, New Mexico. The cleanup provides for increased economic opportunities and improved quality of life in rural America by treating the surface and ground water for human consumption as well as for use by small farmers and ranchers.