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State Engineer Hires New Engineer Specialist

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) – New Mexico State Engineer John D’Antonio has hired a new Engineer Specialist to join the Interstate Stream Commission’s Pecos Bureau.

Emile Sawyer was previously employed as a contractor with the United States Forest Service as a Forestry Technician.

“As an Engineer Specialist, Sawyer will carry out hydrological engineering studies that will support various management projects in the Pecos River Basin,” said State Engineer John D’Antonio. “In addition he will be working with the National Environmental Policy Act to ensure that the area remains in compliance with regulations.”

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental geology in 2003 from New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Shortly thereafter, he began working at the Desert Research Institute as a graduate research assistant, while pursuing a Master of Science degree at the University of Nevada in Reno, Nevada.

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

The Interstate Stream Commission is charged with separate duties including protecting New Mexico's right to water under eight interstate stream compacts, ensuring the state complies with each of those compacts, as well as water planning.