

U.S. Geological Survey Monitoring Milestones— Rio Grande at Embudo, NM (08279500)



Located at the site of the first U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) training camp for hydrographers, [the Rio Grande at Embudo, NM \(08279500\)](#), streamgage has been collecting water data since January 1889. The development and adaptation of equipment and techniques at this location became the foundation of USGS streamgaging methods.



Cobblestone streamgage house, Rio Grande River, Embudo, New Mexico. Photograph by USGS. Accessed January 13, 2025, at <https://library.usgs.gov/photo/index.html/?terms=embudo>.

Note: Streamgages are typically named in abbreviated forms of their locations.



Recognized by the World Meteorological Organization as a
Centennial Observing Station.



Rio Grande at Embudo, New Mexico
streamgage house, April 16, 2012.
Photograph by John Lucero, USGS.



USGS Monitoring Milestones—Recognizing monitoring
locations for their valuable longevity.

For more information about the U.S. Geological Survey Water Monitoring Networks:

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