

Tamarisk Hazardous Fuels Removal Project

Colorado River, Grand County, Utah



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Location: A variety of small parcels along the Colorado River from Kings Bottom to Dewey Bridge.

Implementation Date: This project began in the Fall of 2006. It is expected to be a multiple year project.

Project Acres: Approximately 500.

Acres to be treated in 2008:
 Approximately 218

Legal: Various locations along the Colorado River.

Project Description:

Each area in the proposed project has been identified as either a potential risk to public safety or an appropriate location to utilize a fire break to protect public facilities, native riparian vegetation and other resources. The Tamarisk Project is an on-going project requiring annual maintenance.

Treatments include thinning, hand piling, pile burning and

mastication. In some portions of the project area, willow and cottonwood stock will be planted to assist the re-vegetation process. Following initial treatments, herbicides may be used to further control the spread and growth of tamarisk. The BLM has partnered with Utah Partners for Conservation & Development for funding for the procurement of and application of seed.

NOTE: This project (both scope and complexity) is rapidly changing. The introduction and impacts from the tamarisk beetle has been significant. Cooperation with other federal, state, county and interested parties will be required in future treatments.



