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Comments from Our Acting President

Since 1971, the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D has served as an invaluable asset to the communities and residents of the Little Colorado River Plateau. The original RC&D was the result of a group of dedicated citizens joining together to improve their communities and address needs that local, state, and federal agencies could not address on their own.

Nearly 40 years later, we need another group of dedicated citizens to come together to ensure that the RC&D's work can continue. In order for our RC&D, as well as RC&Ds throughout the country to continue, we each need to devote our efforts to communicating with our Congressional Dele-

gation, including Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick, on the importance of passing the farm bill, which includes funding for RC&Ds.

We should also tell Congress that state conservationists do serve the communities and are a vital part of our counties' and cities' efforts to promote economic development and responsible use of our natural resources.

As vice-chairman, I am committed to working with each of you to ensure that the Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D continues to thrive, even in the midst of some of our country's most difficult challenges.



J R DeSpain
Vice President, Board of Directors

- August 21 E-Waste Recycling in Taylor, Snowflake, Round Valley and St. Johns
- August 28 E-Waste Recycling at Wal Mart Parking Lot in Show Low
- Apache County Fair September 8-11
- Navajo County Fair September 15-18

Invasive Weeds Short Course

Seven individual from our area attend the Invasive Weed Short Course July 27-29 in Farming New Mexico. The consensus from the group was that the course was exceptionally good. It was very informative. I think all who attended know how to identify the knapweeds and the thistles. The knapweed and thistle hands on identification was just an

incredible teaching tool. There were several presenters that talked about how a chemical is formed and then the process that it has to go through to get a label and then be distributed. It is literally a ten year process. Chinese Leaf Beetles which are used to control Tamarisk was a great lecture. And the tour was another reinforcement on identify-

ing weeds. We hope that more of you will go next year.

The Apache County Fair is September 8 through September 11th. We will have our booth up so we invite all of you to come to the Apache County Fair and stop by our booth.



Clay Van Deren
Land Management Project Director

ADEQ Grants \$123,604 to Little Colorado River RC&D

The Little Colorado River Watershed is pleased to announce that it has received an Arizona Department of Environmental Quality 319 Water Quality Improvements Grant. ADEQ announced this on July 12 with the following News Release.

ADEQ Grants \$123,604 to Little Colorado River RC&D Group for Water Quality Protection in Coyote Creek Area

PHOENIX (July 12, 2010) – The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has awarded a \$123,604 Water Quality Improvement Grant to the Little Colorado River Plateau Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. for a project to protect water quality in the Coyote Creek area in Apache County.

Coyote Creek is a tributary of the Little Colorado River in the river's overall watershed. The confluence of Coyote Creek and the Little Colorado River is just south of Lyman Lake, between Springerville and St. Johns, in east-central Arizona.

The grant money will be used to create a watershed improvement council and establish best management practices in the Coyote Creek subwatershed. It also will establish criteria for selecting sites for projects to reduce sediment and turbidity, developing volunteer water monitoring efforts and setting up monitoring criteria.

Coyote Creek and its drainage area have been impacted over time by livestock and wildlife activities and other human-caused factors. A focus of the project will be to reduce runoff into the creek.

"This seed money will grow partnerships for protecting Coyote Creek and preventing pollution in the Upper Little Colorado watershed," said ADEQ Director Benjamin H. Grumbles.



Caption describing picture or graphic.

ADEQ's program is funded through a partnership with the U.S. EPA under the Clean Water Act.

FREE E-Waste Recycling EVENT



Recycle your unwanted TV's, computers, monitors, printers, batteries, chargers, cell phones, VCR's, CD and DVD players, fax machines, small appliances, cables and cords.

Also there will be drop-off bins for paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, tin cans and plastic #'s 1, 2 & 3

No Large Appliances



WHEN: Saturday, August 21

**WHERE: Taylor Town Hall
425 W. Paper Mill Rd., Taylor**

TIME: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information call (928) 536-7945 or (928) 536-7103



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"ERIC" a hands-on interactive recycling exhibit will be at this event. Fun for the whole family!



WHEN: Saturday, August 28

WHERE: Wal-Mart in Show Low
5401 S. White Mountain Rd.

TIME: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information call (928) 532-4124

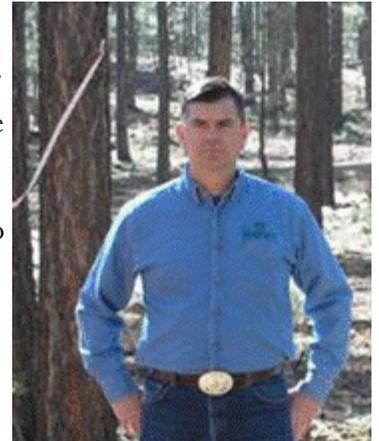


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Apache County Forest Health and Fire Mitigation

In September 2009 Apache County was awarded \$500,000 by Arizona State Forestry to host a cost-share program targeting private property owners residing beside the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. The funds are used to cost-share the expense of removing dense tree growth on private property, matching similar efforts done on the neighboring National Forest, thus reducing the risk of catastrophic fire that threatens property and lives. The communities of Alpine, Nutrioso and South Fork are the focus of the funding. This two year award of funds is the second such award made to Apache County by Arizona State Forestry. The previous program was also for \$500,000.



Herb Hopper

In late 2009 Apache County entered into a contract with the Little Colorado River plateau RC&D to manage their Forest Health and Fire Mitigation program. In addition to providing cost-share funds for fuel reduction efforts on private property, the program includes hosting the Apache County Forest Management Commission (FMC), a group comprised of County officials, fire district officials, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests personnel and others, who meet regularly to compare notes, explore opportunities and interface with the County on wildfire-related topics. The FMC was instrumental in obtaining a resolution from the Apache County Board of Supervisors to designate May 2010 as Firewise Awareness Month.

CWPP Project Director

As the funded portion approaches its half way point (the two year program goes through September 2011), a review of progress made to date is warranted. As of the end of June 2010, the program has treated 188 acres overall - the program's goal is 475 acres: 98 acres treated in Nutrioso, 70 acres treated in Alpine and 20 acres treated in South Fork. Eleven clients have participated so far. Another 12 clients are under contract and are currently treating another 108 acres, with plans to have their property completed before the end of 2010. Hence, we anticipate treatment to be completed on almost 300 acres of private property before the first good snowfall this winter.

As of the end of June 2010, the program has expended \$195,856. The average cost for treatment varies between \$900 per acre to as much as \$1300 per acre - many factors impact the cost, including the density of the trees, the slope of the terrain and the desire of the property owner to do some or all of the work himself. Most property owners hire a contractor. Donated hours is a huge facet of the overall program. Including staff management, FMC meetings and clients doing fuel reductions themselves, this program has accumulated 1913 hours, broken into the following categories: 134 hours of staff donated time; 36 hours of volunteer time to attend meetings or workshops; 1704 hours of client donated time working on their property; and 39 hours of donated equipment use. If assigned a value, for example \$20.84 per hour for personnel, this would equate to \$39,054 just for labor. At a \$50 per hour rate for equipment, there would be \$1950 of donated equipment. The total would be just a bit over \$41,000 in just nine months of the project.

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Dennis Chandler
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Over The Fence

I attended the Invasive Weed Short Course the latter part of July in Farmington, New Mexico. I was well instructed on many thistles and knapweeds. I can confidently identify them now. This was an excellent workshop and valuable information was given out. Another great part of the short course was a tour where we got to see first hand many invasive weeds. Two stops that were very profound to me. The first was a stop with in Farmington, New Mexico. There was a vacant lot that we totally taken over by Russian Knapweed. Nothing else is growing on this lot. That is very impressive when you think about an invasive weed that has literally taken over a landscape. Impressive!! The next sight was along the La Jara River on the outskirts of Farmington. Here was a dense growth of Tamarisk. Now what was impressive about this is that the Tamarisk Leaf Beetle (Diorhabda) were feasting on the Tamarisk and killing it. The Diorhabda are very effectively and efficiently

killing the Tamarisk. Now the next step is to rehabilitate those areas with native grasses, shrubs and trees. In some research, the cost of using Diorhabda is approximately \$10.00 per acre. I am sure that this research was done a few years back, so costs per acre is probably higher. What else is not known is how long does it take the Diorhabda to kill one acre of Tamarisk? An obstacle in all of this is the Willow Fly Catcher who is not nesting in the Tamarisk. Because the Tamarisk has invaded the willows and other natural species, the only thing left for the Willow Fly Catcher to nest and to habitat in is the Tamarisk. So now comes the great collaboration of groups to work to gather and to remove the Tamarisk and at the same time, develop new areas of willows and other native habitat for the Willow Fly Catcher to live in. What a great challenge and collaborative effort to again renew a landscape that an invasive specie has literally taken over.

A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.

Maya Angelou