



Tamarisk Coalition Newsletter

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Our December newsletter will focus on **Watershed Initiatives**.

2007 Tamarisk Symposium Conference

Please visit the following website to download presentations and abstracts: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/Tamarisk2007Presentations.htm>

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Busy, busy, busy...

We are busy as usual, working hard to provide education, technical assistance, and coordinating support to you and your organization for the restoration of riparian lands.

The staff at the Tamarisk Coalition have been keeping busy with the lead-up to the 2007 Tamarisk Symposium, several GIS mapping projects, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 206 Project, and our volunteer program in the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area.

2007 Tamarisk Symposium

The 2007 Tamarisk Symposium was held last week, October 24th-26th, at the Two Rivers Convention Center in beautiful Grand Junction, Colorado. This year's Symposium was a great success drawing over 260 participants from 15 States and from a wide range of disciplines including: land managers, federal and state agencies, landowners, key researchers, NGO's, and policymakers. The conference included a multitude of excellent, knowledgeable speakers, posters on current research, vendor booths, and a time to network.

The final day of the conference offered a chance to see a biological control release site with a field trip to Dewey Bridge along the Colorado River in Utah. Dr. Dan Bean, an entomologist from the Palisade Insectary, spoke about the tamarisk leaf beetle (*Diorhabda elongata*) in an area where the beetles have been heavily defoliating tamarisk over the last three years.

The Tamarisk Coalition would like to thank the many participants, speakers, and the CSU Extension office for making the 2007 Tamarisk Symposium a success! We would also like to thank the following local businesses/agencies for donating raffle prizes for the Symposium: Alida's Fruits, Carlson Vineyards, Grande River Vineyards, Plum Creek Vineyards, and Greg Fenchel of the Los Lunas Plant Materials Center for several copies of the "Guide for Planning Riparian Treatments in New Mexico." We appreciate your kindness and generosity!

The excellent information in the USDA's "A Guide for Planning Riparian Treatments in New Mexico" will soon be available on the following website: www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov



Stressed tamarisk from beetle defoliation, Dewey Bridge
Photo Courtesy: Curtis Swift CSU Extension

Meet the Staff

Tim working hard



John points out the San Juan watershed



Clark on a tamarisk scouting mission



Christy clicking away



Field trip attendees listen to Dr. Dan Bean discuss biocontrol, Dewey Bridge



About,” then click on “Plants.” Here you will find a list of restoration resources with links to each document.

The Symposium’s focus was on implementation and is a sister conference to the 2006 Tamarisk Research Conference. These conferences alternate on a yearly basis. For more information on these past conferences see our website (www.tamariskcoalition.org).

The Tamarisk Coalition is pleased to present the High Plains Weed Management Association (HPWMA) with the First President’s Award! A committee from the 2007 Tamarisk Symposium selected the HPWMA for this Award based on the nomination by Mike Sarchet. This award is given in memory of Pete Larson, the Tamarisk Coalition’s first president to honor his dedication to restoring our natural resources through the application of education, science, and volunteerism. The HPWMA has been awarded \$500 based on their ability to demonstrate this same level of commitment through their work. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Symposium Speakers and Presentations

Thanks to the CSU Extension, many of the PowerPoint presentations by the Symposium speakers are on the web at the following address:

<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/TRA/Tamarisk2007Presentations.htm>

This link also includes the Participant List, Photos of the Posters, Miscellaneous Photos of the Conference, and the document “Grant Opportunities Available for Addressing Tamarisk Issues.”

Below is a list of the Symposium talks and speakers if you were unable to attend. This will give you an idea of the talks you may be interested in accessing from the link above.

Wednesday, October 24th Session:

Revegetation & Restoration

Anna Sher - University of Denver, Denver Botanic Gardens
Cynthia Brown - Colorado State University

Water Usage, Habitat, and Wildfire Impacts

Erika Zavaleta - University of California - Santa Cruz
Kris Hulvey - University of California - Santa Cruz

Biological Control – Status and Implementation

Dan Bean - Palisade Insectary

Staff cont'd...

Nate is back as full-time help!



Elyse all smiles at the office



Ecology on the Ground – Managing Expectations

Tom Stohlgren - Colorado State University - US Geological Survey

Erosion & Sediment Issues following Tamarisk Control

Rob Hilldale - US Bureau of Reclamation

Keynote Address – The Invasive Story: “The Rich Get Richer”

Tom Stohlgren - Colorado State University - US Geological Survey

Yuma East Wetlands – The Process & Solution

Charles Flynn - Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area

Fred Phillips - Private Consultant

Forgotten River, US and Mexico

Ty Fain and Steve Harris - Rio Grande Institute

Volunteer Assistance and Habitat Restoration at Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area – Valencia County, New Mexico

Charles Sanchez - New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission

Private Landowner Support

Rick Enstrom - Private Landowner

Bill Noonan - Partners for Wildlife

Michael Daskam - Holly NRCS

McInnis Canyons Volunteer Project

Clark Tate - Tamarisk Coalition

Thursday, October 25th Session:

Russian Olive Ecology

Pat Shafroth - US Geological Survey

Nine Mile Creek - Tamarisk & Russian Olive - Video

Mike Sarchet - Western Nebraska Community College

Nine Mile Creek – Tamarisk & Russian Olive Restoration

Dennis Beyer - North Platte Natural Resources District

Tamarisk & Russian-Olive - National Park Service's Northern Plains Exotic Plant Management Teams (EPMT)

Chad Prosser - National Park Service

Listing & Banning from Sale of Tamarisk & Russian-Olive in Colorado

Eric Lane - Colorado Department of Agriculture

Restoration after Tamarisk Control

John Vradenburg - Bosque del Apache NWR

Keynote Address - Importance of Restoration

Anna Sher - University of Denver, Denver Botanic Gardens

National Resources Conservation Services and its Partners - Panel

Pat Davey – NRCS, State of Colorado

Wayne Jipsen – Big Country Resource Conservation & Development

Greg Fenchel – Los Lunas New Mexico Plant Materials Center

Jack Chatfield – Canadian River Soil Conservation District

Meet the Mascots

Chewbacca



Ghoti



Oil & Gas Industry Habitat Mitigation Partnerships

Tim Sullivan – The Nature Conservancy

Tim Carlson - Tamarisk Coalition

Dinosaur National Monument Volunteer Weed Warrior Program

Tamara Naumann - Dinosaur National Monument

Updates – Watershed Planning, Legislation, Funding, etc.

Tim Carlson - Tamarisk Coalition

Friday, October 26th

Photos from Bio-Control Field Tour - Dewey Bridge, Colorado River

Stay Tuned – Our December Newsletter will concentrate on Watershed Initiatives.

Funding the Tamarisk Coalition

As a non-profit, the Tamarisk Coalition continuously strives to fund its efforts to restore western river ways. We are hitting our stride and need **YOUR help** to continue our efforts. Please take the time to send in your membership dues if you haven't already. Membership forms are available on our website (www.tamariskcoalition.org) under the "Join Us" heading. Your continued membership is essential for the **Tamarisk Coalition to facilitate tamarisk control efforts and the long-term reestablishment of native vegetation along the West's rivers and streams.**

Happy trails,

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