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DINOSAURLAND RC&D RECEIVES USDA GRANT

The Dinosaurland Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) was recently awarded a \$75,390 grant to utilize chemical and biological methods to treat tamarisk, Canada thistle, must thistle, and other noxious weeds. The grant was one of 27 in 20 states funded with NRCS technical assistance money through the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) program.

Selected through national competition, the approved grants fund one to three-year projects to control and manage invasive species. Partners for the Uinta Basin Weed Control project—the Duchesne County Commission, Uinta County Commission, and Ute Indian Tribe—must provide at least 50 percent of the project cost with non-federal funds and/or in-kind contributions.

Partnership employees who helped prepare this successful grant application were Wynea Milton and Heather Johnson. Lori McNease, the new RC&D coordinator for the Dinosaurland Council, will now help coordinate the implementation of the grant. Spring and fall treatments will be applied from 2006 through 2009 to treat the following species: tamarisk, Canada thistle, musk thistle, scotch thistle, leafy spurge, russian olive, russian knapweed, field bindweed, and dyers woad. Hand and boom chemical treatment will be utilized in all three areas; aerial treatment will be used in Uintah County in the less dense areas.

A state listing of the GLCI grants (pdf) can be found at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/glci/GLCI-tom.pdf>.

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