

## **Riparian Ecological Site Inventory in Utah**

Riparian ecological sites are designed to address the ecotone between moving water and the adjacent uplands. Riparian ESD's do not fit neatly into the rangeland ESD model of single or multiple soils with the potential of producing one type of plant community. Riparian complex ecological sites allow multiple plant communities with generally occur parallel to the stream channel. Developing riparian ecological sites includes inventory of the multiple plant communities and soils that occur within the riparian zone and describing the stream and hydrology of the system. Utah has been involved in developing riparian complex ecological sites for northern and southern locations in the state.