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CASTLELAND RC&D HELPS COORDINATE BSA SERVICE PROJECT

The Castleland RC&D Council, Inc. has been working with the Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) for over 4 years, helping to plan, organize and carry out a massive



Boy Scout-sponsored Order of the Arrow Tamarisk removal and herbicide treatment project in the Buckhorn Draw, around Joe's Valley Reservoir, and near Millsite Reservoir. The council acquired some funds from the state legislature and SITLA to provide chemicals and equipment for this project. They also provided a report to the Utah Department of Ag & Food after the project was completed.

The Utah project was one of five conducted on public lands across the nation. From June 16 to June 20, approximately 350 members of the Order of the Arrow (OA) worked 8 hours per day cutting tamarisk. Another 100 state, county, and federal employees supported this work. OA members cut tamarisk plants with pruners and handsaws while supporting personnel applied Garlon 4 herbicide to the cut stumps to prevent re-sprouting. Skyline CWMA members provided chemical and equipment support with a boat at Joe's Valley reservoir for 2 days. CWMA members from

Carbon & Emery County provided chemical support at the base camp in the Buckhorn draw with 6-wheeler ATV's and also used "hand-can" sprayers to spray the plants after they were cut by the scouts and agency personnel. RC&D Coordinator Wayne Urie is shown applying flags in the cutting area of Buckhorn Draw.

When finished, 19.7 miles of riparian area (925 acres) had been treated on National Forest lands, and 26.6 miles (12,925 acres) had been treated on Bureau of Land Management lands.

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