

Tamarisk Hazardous Fuel Removal Project

Location: Multiple BLM-managed public sites along the San Juan River (Bluff, Sand Island Recreation Area and Swinging Bridge.)

Implementation Date: This project was implemented in December of 2009. Revegetation work was completed in the spring of 2010. Maintenance will continue for the next several years.

Project Acres: Approximately 300

Project Description: Treatment activities for the Bluff and Sand Island areas include 278 acres of tamarisk and Russian olive mastication along with hand cutting and piling of invasive brush over another fifteen acres. Restoration units were selected based upon hazardous fire potential and associated risks to public safety.



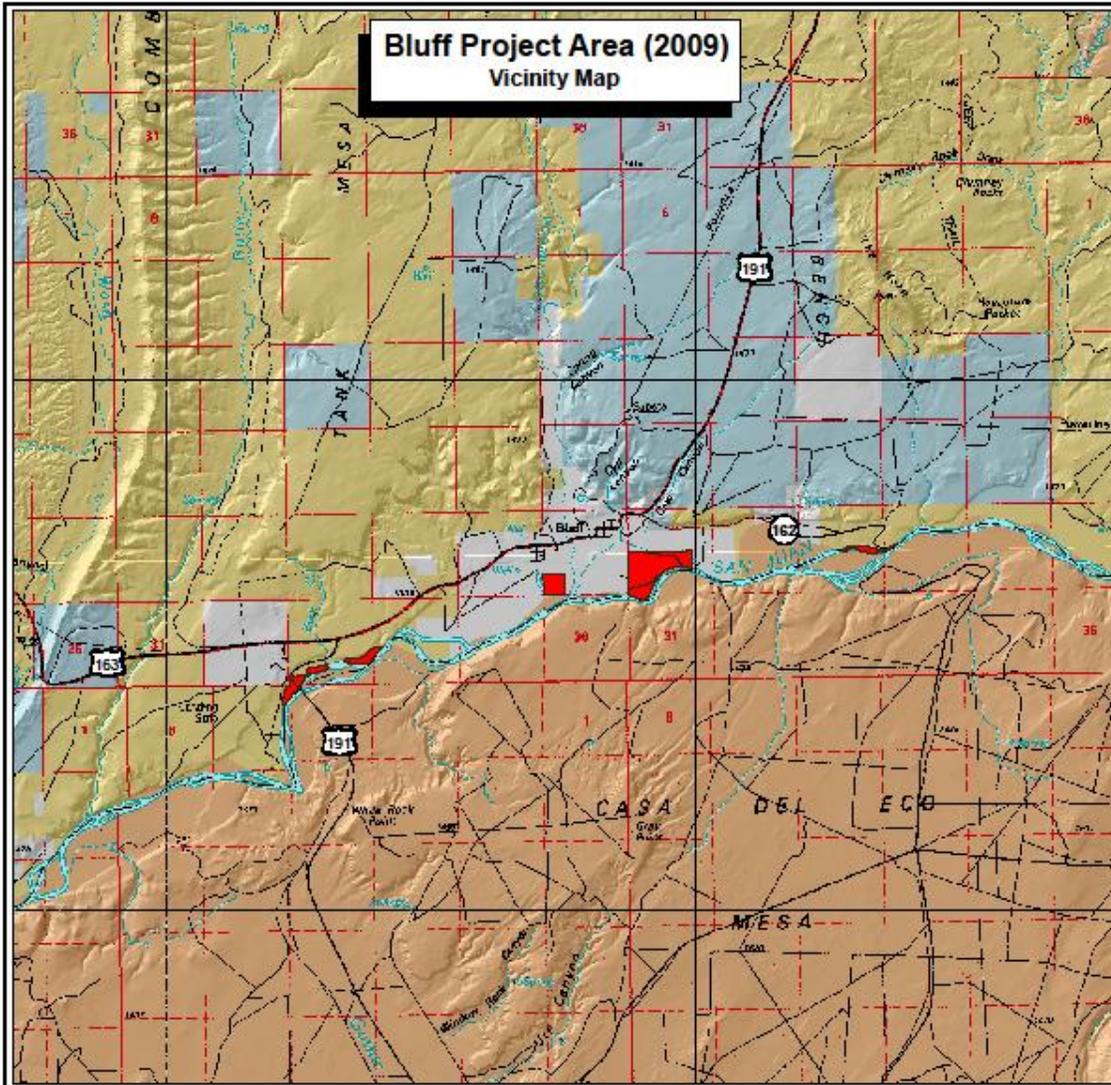
Along with the restoration of native riparian habitat the goals and objectives for this fuels removal project include protecting the public, recreational site infrastructure and native riparian vegetation from the threat of a high-intensity wildland fire along the river way and adjacent to the town of Bluff.



In collaboration with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) funding was provided to the project for the purchase of trees and native seed. Contract crews were hired to plant trees, wrap trees to prevent beaver damage and install a temporary irrigation system. The Bluff Tamarisk Project is an essential part of ongoing hazardous fuel reduction and riparian restoration efforts throughout the Canyon Country Fire Zone along the Colorado, Green, and San Juan river-ways.

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Bluff Project Area (2009) Vicinity Map



NATIONAL SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS
State of Utah
1:100,000
Miles
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LEGEND

- Bluff Project Area (278 Acres)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Indian Reservation (IR)
- State
- Private (White)

