

## **2009 Riparian Restoration Workshop**

The Colorado Big Country RC&D Council helped sponsor the 2009 Riparian Restoration Workshop. Two workshop sessions were held on March 26, and 27, 2009. The sessions were held at the Botanical Gardens in Grand Junction, Colorado. The workshops included a session on vegetation establishment in riparian and adjacent upland areas, discussion of successful seeding techniques for seeding in the arid southwest. Hands on training for selecting, prepping, and planting willow slips, cottonwood poles, and other long stem woody species was provided.

The reason for the workshop was the fact that riparian areas of the arid southwest have been difficult to manage. Invasive species such as tamarisk and unreliable water sources have contributed a tough environment for managing native plant species.

Approximately fifty private landowners, state and federal officials attended the workshop.

# Riparian Restoration Techniques Workshop

Photo Courtesy of the Tamarisk Coalition

**A free workshop for natural resource managers and landowners**

Thursday March 26th, 2009 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Western Colorado Botanical Gardens  
641 Struthers Avenue, Grand Junction, Colorado

**\*\*\*LIMITED ATTENDANCE TO FIRST 30 INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS\*\*\***  
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## Workshop will include:

- Session on vegetation establishment in riparian and adjacent upland areas
- Discussion of successful seeding techniques for the arid southwest
- Hands on training for selecting, prepping, and planting willow and cottonwood poles
- Hands on training planting longstem woody species



Riparian areas in the arid southwest historically have been difficult to manage, invasive species coupled with unreliable and changing water resources have created a tough environment to manage these vegetative communities. Currently, the tamarisk beetle is spreading across vast expanses of the southwest impacting riparian and adjacent upland areas, stressing the tamarisk and allowing for other vegetation to compete for resources. The USDA-NRCS Plant Materials from Los Lunas, NM and Meeker, CO have been testing different plant species and planting techniques and would like to share this knowledge with you. This workshop will discuss the options to restore affected riparian areas and adjacent uplands and discuss successful techniques for seeding in the arid southwest.

This workshop will also include a hands on restoration presentation on Watson Island, an area currently being managed by the City of Grand Junction in cooperation with the Tamarisk Coalition to restore the native riparian community.

## Speakers:

**Tim Carlson**, Executive Director, Tamarisk Coalition, Grand Junction, CO

**Greg Fenchel**, Manager, Los Lunas Plant Materials Center, Natural Resources Conservation Service, NM

**Steve Parr**, Manager, Meeker Plant Materials Center, Natural Resources Conservation Service, CO



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