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Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA)



The Castleland RC&D Council has been serving as the fiscal agent for the Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) since 2003. The Skyline CWMA is a collaborative effort of agencies with the goal of controlling noxious weeds beyond governmental boundaries.

In 2009, the Skyline CWMA was awarded the 2009 Rangeland Stewardship through Collaboration Award from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for its cooperative efforts on the successful 2008 Order of the Arrow Tamarisk Removal Project in Buckhorn Wash on the San Rafael Swell. From June 16 to June 20, 2008 approximately 350 members of the Order of

the Arrow boy scouts worked 8 hours per day cutting tamarisk. Another 100 state, county, and federal employees supported this work. When finished, 19.7 miles of riparian area (925 acres) were treated on National Forest lands, and 26.6 miles (12,925 acres) were treated on BLM lands.

- Partners:**
- Boys Scouts of America
 - Carbon County Weed Dept.
 - Emery County Weed Dept.
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - USDA Forest Service
 - Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
 - Utah Dept. of Transportation
 - State Institutional Trust Lands Administration
 - Price River Conservation District
 - San Rafael Conservation District
 - Utah Department of Ag and Food
 - And many others



The Castleland RC&D and Skyline CWMA's annual Weeds of Utah calendar.



Skyline CWMA members gather to release biocontrol insects in Huntington Canyon, Utah.



Boy scouts and volunteers remove tamarisk along Buckhorn Wash.

In the Fall 2009, the CWMA published yet another addition of the Weeds of Utah calendar and distributed nearly 4,000 calendars to communities across the state. The calendar has proved to be one of the most successful educational efforts of the Skyline CWMA and the Castleland RC&D Council.

During 2009, the Skyline CWMA completed 8 weed spraying projects and released thousands of biological control insects in Carbon and Emery Counties of Utah.