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"2009 UARCD Annual Convention Field Trip"



On November 4th, 2009, Color Country RC&D (CC-RC&D) sponsored the annual convention for the Utah Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (UARCD). CC-RC&D partnered with the UARCD for program scheduling, the NRCS for funding and with local entities who graciously provided presentations for the field trip. The field trip included a stop at J&S Farms in St. George, where Sheldon Johnson, gave an overview of a Southwestern willow flycatcher safe harbor project partnership that included himself as a local farmer, NRCS, Fish and Wildlife Service, Virgin River Project and CC-RC&D to restore riparian habitat that had been invaded by saltcedar for Southwestern willow flycatcher and



other riparian species. The tour continued to the Paiute Tribal Center in Cedar City where participants could see Utah prairie dogs on the tribal parade grounds and representatives from Panoramalands RC&D, NRCS, the Paiute Tribe of Utah, Cedar City, and Iron County presented information about issues with and current efforts related to the management of Utah prairie dogs. Panoramalands RC&D and CC-RC&D along with numerous other federal, state and local partners are sponsoring a habitat credit exchange to optimize conservation opportunities and facilitate opportunities for responsible development to minimize conflict related to Utah prairie dog management.

