

South West Weed Management Area



During this past year, Southwest Nebraska RC&D and Southwest Weed Management Area completed a grant through the Nebraska Environmental Trust for \$300,000 for The Western Republican Riparian Improvement Project. This project was primarily for mechanical removal of trees in the Republican River Basin Area.



Above-The Republican River before work

The total number of acres cut during this grant cycle was 1270.3. Landowner 15% match was \$61,250.33. The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) contributed \$117,529.40 through their CCPI program.



Right- After mechanical removal



Members of SWWMA receiving grant— Rick Hedke, President; Mark Brohamn, Environmental Trust; Jennifer ten Bensel, Executive Administrator; Tim Smith, Coordinator

Other partners also contributed to this grant. The NRCS supplied \$5,311.25 toward In-kind labor hours. The Upper and Middle Republican NRD donated \$2,500 toward in-kind hours. Southwest Nebraska Resource Conservation and Development (SW RC&D) gave a total of \$3896.00, including office supplies, postage and mileage paid to SW RC&D employees for SWWMA projects. Landowners in the area gave \$486.00 worth of time back to this grant. Finally, SWWMA contributed \$10,604 with in-kind volunteer hours, use of equipment and herbicide donation.