

Tamarisk related funding opportunities through Utah's Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands

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(1) Redesign grant program

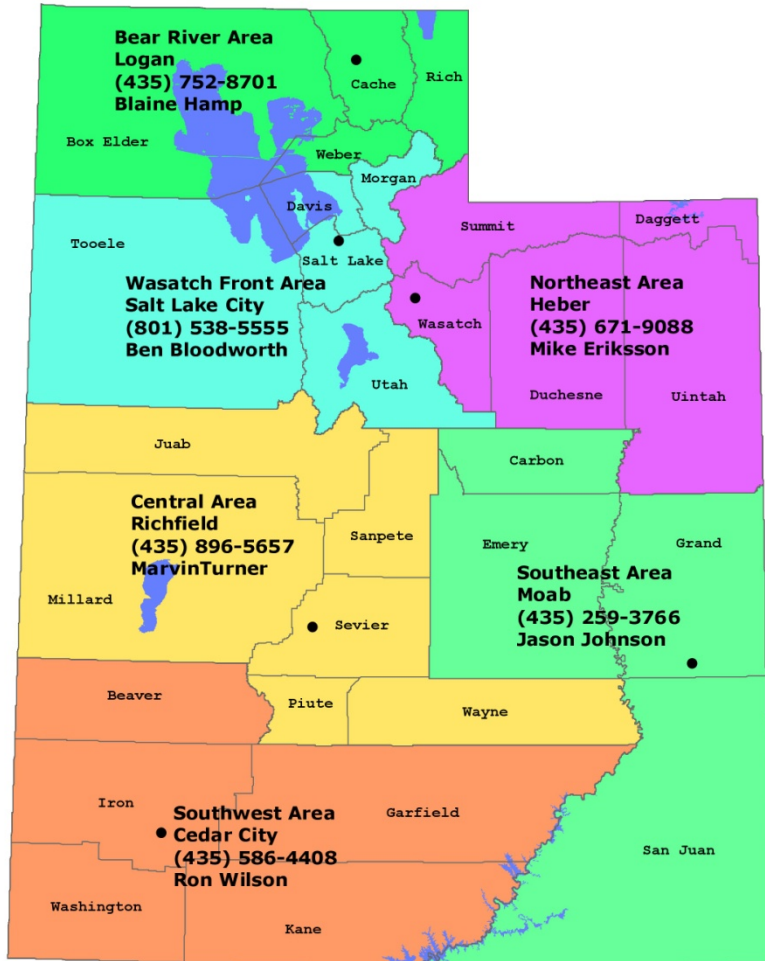
(2) National Fire Plan program

FFSL organizational chart

State divided into 6 Areas

Each Area has:

- Area Manager
- Area Forester (applies for Redesign funding)
- National Fire Plan Coordinator (applies for NFP funding)
- Fire wardens
- Sovereign Lands Coordinator (where applicable)



Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Areas and Area Managers

May 2011

● Area Office





What is the importance of funding tamarisk related projects to Utah's Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands?

- Riparian areas are the urban forests for many rural Utah communities
- Control of invasive species
- Improved river function
- Increase in water quality and quantity
- Hazardous fuels reduction and fire prevention around communities
- Sovereign lands

Competitive Redesign Grants



Competitive Redesign Grants

- US Forest Service State & Private Forestry program
- FFSL submits up to 4 applications each year and competes with all western US States
- 3 year grant
- \$300,000 with required 50:50 match
- Project should integrate forest health, urban & community forestry, stewardship, etc.
- Develop collaboration and partnerships that leverage additional funds
- Link to priority areas identified in our Statewide Assessment (Forest Action Plan)

Proposal Review Criteria:

- **Project Description**
 - Abstract
 - Budget
 - Issue/Problem Statement
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Proposed Activities
 - Outcomes and Measurable Outputs
- **Leverage**
- **Collaboration**
- **Program Integration**
- **Meaningful Scale**
- **Sustainability of Outcomes**



In 2013, 26 out of 68 western state proposals were funded

Approximately \$7 million awarded in 2013

http://wflccenter.org/spf_grants_13/

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Utah Competitive Redesign Projects to date (\$300,000 each)

- Jordan River Watershed Restoration 2008
- Virgin River Watershed Initiative 2009*
- Cedar Mountain Aspen Restoration 2009
- SE Utah Tamarisk Restoration 2010
- Wasatch Front Partnership 2010
- Virgin River Restoration Partnership 2010 *NV
- Escalante Restoration Partnership 2011
- Monte Cristo Resilience 2011
- Wolf Creek Ranch Aspen/Health 2012
- City to Stream 2013
- Virgin River Riparian Habitat Restoration 2013

2009/2010 Virgin River Restoration

Partners

State of Arizona
State of Nevada
Virgin River Program
City of Hurricane
City of La Verkin

City of Rockville
City of Springdale
City of St. George
City of Toquerville
City of Virgin
Utah State Forestry Extension



Grant funded activities include:

- Inventory of current conditions
- Noxious weed removal
- Restoration of native species
- Community Forest Management Plans and street tree inventories
- Hazard tree assessment and removal in urban areas



2010 Southeastern Utah Tamarisk Eradication and Native Tree Revegetation

‘filling in the gaps’: working
on state and private lands
located between already
completed projects



Dewey Bridge

state and private land
along Colorado River

Castle Creek

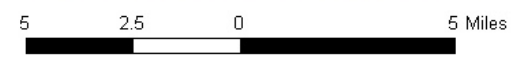
Colorado
River

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Mill Creek

Pack Creek

Potash



Redesign funding focused on Colorado River and
tributaries between Potash and Dewey Bridge



2009 Southeastern Utah Tamarisk Restoration

Grant funded activities include:

- Archeological clearance
- Cooperative agreements with members of Southeastern Utah Riparian Partnership (SURP)
- Tamarisk removal, irrigation, replanted natives
- Public education and outreach



Redesign application process

About a one year process:

- Application usually available in April
- Deadline: September
- Applicant grant notification: December
- Grant funding awarded: following June

National Fire Plan funding

Federally sourced funding for the Wildland Urban Interface around communities



In general, potential projects must:

- Be located within an existing CWPP community (Community Wildfire Protection Plan)
- Have a fire prevention component, such as defensible space or the creation of firebreaks
- Have close proximity to a community and homes
- For Stevens funds, project has to be directly adjacent to existing/planned USFS project

Summary:

FFSL riparian projects often involve multiple partners and several funding sources

EXAMPLE PROJECT: tamarisk removal and native plant revegetation along Mill Creek

- National Fire Plan
- Redesign
- WRI
- City of Moab
- Grand County
- Local non-profit groups



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