

BIOCONTROL IN ACTION WORKSHOP

DAY 1 AGENDA

Wednesday, April 30th, 2025

10:30am - 3:45pm

The Industrial Commission of Arizona
800 W Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85007

- 10:30-11:00 Check-in with Snacks
- 11:00-11:20 Welcome and Introductions
Nicole Cook, RiversEdge West, Education and Outreach Coordinator
Aly McAlexander, AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Forest Health Program Manager
- 11:20-11:45 RiversEdge West History, Restoration Partnerships, and Tamarisk Beetle Program
John Leary, RiversEdge West, Senior Restoration and GIS Project Manager
- 11:45-12:30 The History, Biology, and Future of Biocontrol
Dr. Dan Bean, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Palisade Insectary, Director
- 12:30-2:00 Lunch and Networking
- 2:00-2:30 USGS Remote Sensing of Tamarisk Conditions and Beetle Activity in San Carlos
Blanche Hooke, San Carlos Apache Tribe Forest Resources Program, Wildlife Biologist
- 2:30-3:00 Lessons Learned: Assumptions and Realities of Restoration Alongside the Tamarisk Beetle
Dr. Sarah Sayles, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona, Executive Director
- 3:00-3:30 Panel - Biocontrol and Integrated Invasive Plant Management
John Leary, RiversEdge West
Dr. Dan Bean, Palisade Insectary
Blanche Hooke, San Carlos Apache Tribe Forest Resources Program
Moderated by: Dr. Sarah Sayles, Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona
- 3:30-3:45 Closing
- 5:00-6:00 Happy Hour (location tbd)

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DAY 2 AGENDA

Thursday, May 1st, 2025

7:00am - 10:00am

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- 7:00-7:15 Check-in with Coffee and Light Breakfast at The Industrial Commission of Arizona
- 7:15-7:45 Travel to Lower Gila River Site
Transportation provided. Attendees can use personal vehicles, but are encouraged to carpool to limit the number of cars on site.
- 7:45-8:00 Meet at Lower Gila River Site
Coffee and Light Breakfast continues
Specific location tbd
- 8:00-9:30 Lower Gila River Site Visit
Identification and Sampling of Tamarisk Beetles, Monitoring Tamarisk Defoliation, Beetle Lure Demonstration, Overview of Treatments
Dr. Dan Bean, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Palisade Insectary, Director
Aly McAlexander, AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management, Forest Health Program Manager
- 9:30-10:00 Travel back to The Industrial Commission of Arizona

