

**Texas AgriLife Research
Texas Water Resources Institute**

**Implementing the Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan through Invasive Species Control
(Saltcedar) and by Providing Technical and Financial Assistance to Reduce Agricultural Nonpoint
Source Pollution
FY 08 CWA 319(h)
TSSWCB Project No. 08-08**

Quarter no. 3 From 4.1.2010 Through 6.30.2010 .

I. Abstract

Work this quarter has focused on initiating the project tasks. Legal representation has been consulted to prepare agreements with riparian landowners to spray, burn and revegetate areas along the river infested with saltcedar. Contacting landowners along the river has begun to invite them to participate in the saltcedar control efforts of the watershed protection plan. Saltcedar leaf beetles have been released on six sites in the watershed. A seventh site has been chosen and beetles will be released this next quarter. Two species of beetles have been released and result verification will indicate which beetle is more suited to which portion of the river.

II. Overall Progress and Results by Task

TASK 1: Project Coordination and Administration

Subtask 1.1: *TWRI will prepare electronic quarterly progress reports (QPRs) for submission to the TSSWCB. Extension, SWCD Technicians and TFS will collaborate with TWRI to develop QPRs. QPRs shall document all activities performed within a quarter and shall be submitted by the 15th of January, April, July and October. QPRs shall be posted on the project website and distributed to all project partners.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician submitted 3rd QPR to the Watershed Coordinator on July 6, 2010.
- B. The Crockett SWCD Technician submitted 3rd QPR to the Watershed Coordinator on July 7, 2010.
- C. TWRI submitted the Quarter 3, Year 1 report to TSSWCB on July 14, 2010.

25% Complete

Subtask 1.2: *TWRI will host coordination meetings, conference calls, or TTVN meetings with the TSSWCB Project Manager and all Project Partners at least quarterly to discuss project activities, project schedule, lines of responsibility, communication needs, and other requirements. TWRI will develop lists of action items needed following each project coordination meeting and distribute to project personnel.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No coordination meetings were held this quarter.

17% Complete

Subtask 1.3: *TWRI will perform accounting functions for Tasks 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and submit appropriate reimbursement forms to TSSWCB at least quarterly. The SWCD Technicians and Bookkeepers will perform accounting functions for Task 2 and will submit appropriate Reimbursement Forms to TSSWCB at least monthly. TSSWCB will manage project funds for Task 3.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician submitted reimbursement forms to the bookkeeper (supplies, mileage, motel, per diem, and registration expenses).

10% Complete

Subtask 1.4: *TWRI will continue to host and maintain an internet website (<http://pecosbasin.tamu.edu/>) for the public dissemination of information pertaining to the implementation of the Pecos River WPP. Project partners will provide appropriate content matter for the website as needed.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. Website updates were made throughout the quarter as needed.

60% Complete

Subtask 1.5: *TWRI, in collaboration with Extension, TFS, and the SWCDs, will develop, complete and submit an aggregate final report to TSSWCB at the culmination of the project. This report will be provided in electronic and hard copy format. The TSSWCB project manager will set the appropriate due dates for this task.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No Activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 1.6: *TWRI will hire (Months 1-3) and oversee (Months 4-36) the Pecos River Watershed Coordinator. This position will be responsible for the general oversight and coordination of all project activities, be responsible for reporting requirements and directing educational activities, and serve as the primary conduit for interaction with landowners and entities to facilitate the implementation of the WPP. The Pecos River Watershed Coordinator shall be stationed in the watershed at Fort Stockton.*

- A. Subtask complete.

100% Complete

TASK 2: Promotion, Development and Implementation of WQMPs

Subtask 2.1: *SWCD 213 and SWCD 235 will each hire one full-time District Technician to promote, develop, and implement WQMPs. SWCD 213 and SWCD 235 will each hire one part-time Bookkeeper to assist with project accounting functions.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. Subtask complete.

100% Complete

Subtask 2.2: *To ease the development of the Final Report (Subtask 1.6), the District Technicians will submit quarterly updates to a template Final Report along with QPRs. The TSSWCB Project Manager will provide a template Final Report.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician submitted 3rd QPR to the Watershed Coordinator on July 6, 2010.
B. The Crockett SWCD Technician submitted 3rd QPR to the Watershed Coordinator on July 7, 2010.

25% Complete

Subtask 2.3: *The District Technicians will identify landowners in priority areas in the Pecos River watershed to periodically distribute notifications announcing the availability of financial and technical assistance for developing and implementing WQMPs.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician requested a copy of the Pecos River – property owner lists compiled by the TFS and the Pecos County Water Improvement District #3. Technician is awaiting receipt of the lists.
B. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician is creating a list of landowner in priority areas in the Pecos River Watershed.
C. The Crockett SWCD Technician worked with local tax, abstract and appraisal offices to compile landowner list.
D. The Crockett SWCD Technician prepared a list of landowner information that had previously sprayed saltcedar south of Girvin.

15% Complete

Subtask 2.4: *The District Technicians will develop and distribute flyers, brochures, letters, news releases and other appropriate promotional publications to encourage participation from landowners. The TSSWCB Project Manager must approve all announcements, letters, and publications prior to distribution.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Crockett SWCD Technician is currently working on a letter to send to landowners.

2% Complete

Subtask 2.5: The District Technicians will work with NRCS and AgriLife Extension to educate landowners and agricultural producers about water quality issues and how WQMPs and BMPs address pollutant loadings from agriculture. The District Technicians will support, promote, and participate in, as appropriate, any field days, demonstrations, site tours, or education events sponsored by NRCS and/or AgriLife Extension for the Pecos River watershed.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician participated in the NRCS File Day on May 5, 2010, in Pecos, Texas. Rainfall Simulator Station: Utilized a rainfall simulator to instigate discussions on the hydrologic cycle and the Pecos River watershed. Sixth-grade students from area schools predicted and then observed differences in infiltration, runoff, and sedimentation on four miniature watersheds. Students then discerned the ecological and hydrological difference between well-managed and over-grazed rangeland and between cropland with and without residue. The majority of the students voiced that they would prefer to swim in the Pecos River downstream of well-managed rangeland and cropland with residue.
- B. The Crockett SWCD Technician has assisted NRCS with CCRP buffer and forage inventories within Crockett County.

10% Complete

Subtask 2.6: The District Technicians will work with organizations, such as Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association (TSGRA) and Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), to educate their members on this opportunity to enhance the value of their operation and achieve water quality goals for the watershed at the same time. Additionally, the District Technicians will work with Irrigation Districts to educate their customers on this project.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician attended the Pecos County Water Improvement District #3 board meeting on June 14, 2010, in Imperial and the Red Bluff Water Power Control District board meetings on May 11 and June 8 in Pecos. Discussed the current and near future status of salt cedar control and contacting landowners in priority areas.

10% Complete

Subtask 2.7: The District Technicians will meet monthly with SWCDs 213 and 235, and as needed with SWCDs 224, 231, 237, and 241, in order to efficiently and effectively achieve project goals; summarize activities and achievements made throughout the course of this project; and discuss project activities, project schedule, communication needs, deliverables, and other requirements.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician met with SWCDs 213, 231 and 241 during their monthly board meetings.

- B. The Crockett SWCD Technician met with SWCDs 235, 224, 231 and 237 during their monthly board meetings.

15% Complete

Subtask 2.8: The District Technicians will cooperate and communicate with landowners and entities in the Pecos River watershed in order to efficiently and effectively achieve project goals and to summarize activities and achievements made throughout the course of this project. Specifically, the District Technicians will, at least, participate in meetings scheduled under the auspices of the WPP. The District Technicians will maintain regular communication with the TWRI Pecos River Watershed Coordinator, TFS personnel, and the selected chemical saltcedar control contractor.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. The Upper Pecos SWCD Technician:

- a. Maintained communication with the Pecos River Watershed Coordinator and TFS personnel via meeting, phone, and email.
- b. Observed two days of prescribed burn conducted by the TFS on the Pecos River and Salt Creek.
- c. Attended Trans-Pecos Prescribed Fire Symposium in Alpine, TX, on April 8 and 9.
- d. Attended Texas Groundwater – Your Future Water conference in San Angelo, TX on April 17.
- e. Attended Pecos River Commission Meeting in Monahans, TX, on April 20.

25% Complete

Subtask 2.9: The District Technicians, with assistance from NRCS and TSSWCB as appropriate, will assist landowners in the development of WQMPs and associated Prescribed Grazing Plans. The District Technicians will develop at least 10 WQMPs above Girvin and 10 WQMPs below Girvin. Noting that the 10-year goal of the Pecos River WPP is to develop at least 120 WQMPs along the riparian corridor and 50 WQMPs in other portions of the watershed, the District Technicians shall strive to develop additional WQMPs beyond the minimum of 20; cost-share availability for additional WQMPs is dependent upon outcomes of Subtask 2.10.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Upper Pecos and Crockett SWCD Technicians received Texas Conservation Planning training on June 15 – 17, 2010, from the NRCS office in Temple.
- B. The Crockett SWCD Technician attended WQMP development training on June 7-9, 2010 from the TSSWCB Regional office in Hale Center.

15% Complete

Subtask 2.10: The District Technicians, with assistance from NRCS and TSSWCB, will assist landowners in the Pecos River watershed in applying for and obtaining cost-share to aid in implementation of BMPs prescribed in WQMPs. This project provides \$200,000 in CWA §319(h)

funding (TSSWCB project 09-02 provides an additional \$100,000 in CWA §319(h) funding) as cost-share through the TSSWCB WQMP Program with allocations of \$100,000 to each SWCD 213 and SWCD 235. Landowners shall be eligible to receive a maximum cost-share amount of \$15,000 from the TSSWCB §319(h) funds. The maximum cost-share rate shall not exceed 60% of the cost of implementation of the BMPs. The remaining 40% will be provided by the landowner. Cost-share will be based on actual cost not to exceed average cost of the practice.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 2.11: The District Technicians will prioritize WQMP development and cost-share applications consistent with the priority areas identified in the Pecos River WPP. Specifically, priority shall be given for operations nearest to the Pecos River or major tributaries and those lands where chemical saltcedar control and follow-up debris removal has been conducted.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 2.12: The District Technicians will assist landowners with WQMPs in acquiring financial assistance through USDA administered federal Farm Bill Programs, including but not limited to, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) [1) county-level funding based on resource concern priorities established by Local Work Groups and 2) any applicable State Resource Concerns], the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP), and the Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP).

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 2.13: The District Technicians will conduct annual status reviews on all WQMPs developed and certified through the course of this project and any existing WQMPs (certified prior to this project) in the Pecos River watershed to ensure that the landowners implement BMPs as specified and agreed to in the WQMP implementation schedule. The District Technicians will document any follow-up technical assistance needed or necessary modifications to the WQMP implementation schedule.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 2.14: The District Technicians will track utilization of obligated cost-share funds and, with assistance from TSSWCB and NRCS, will assist landowners in utilizing obligated cost-share

funds on schedule.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 2.15: The District Technicians will create spreadsheets and maps describing and showing the location of all WQMPs developed and BMPs implemented through the project. These maps will not reveal the identity or exact location of any producer.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

TASK 3: Chemical Control of Saltcedar

Subtask 3.1: The District Technicians will obtain permission to spray saltcedar, conduct debris removal (Task 5) and re-vegetation efforts. The SWCD 213 District Technician will work in the Pecos River, between Interstate-20 and Girvin, TX; and the SWCD 235 District Technician will work below Girvin down to the confluence with the Rio Grande. The District Technicians will also collect GPS coordinates of areas where chemical treatment will not be applied (e.g., sensitive areas, where permission is not obtained, or in areas where biological control is implemented).

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. Technicians have been communicating with local landowners regarding upcoming spraying efforts but have not been able to secure formal permission from them to conduct spraying efforts. An official is currently being developed by TSSWCB and is required before this permission can be obtained.

5% Complete

Subtask 3.2: The District Technicians will send out notifications to landowners describing goals and asking for landowner cooperation. The letter will be accompanied by approved technical documents that illustrate the benefits of treating saltcedar. Contact information for the District Technician will be included. Verbal contact with the landowners that are not receptive to written communication will be made. The District Technicians will continue to promote participation in chemical treatment of saltcedar throughout the duration of the project.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The district technicians have begun to draft notification letter.
- B. Technicians have been discussing upcoming chemical treatment efforts to build support for participation in the program and will continue to do so.

5% Complete

Subtask 3.3: TSSWCB will take bids from qualified aerial herbicide applicators experienced in

strategically applying pesticides to sensitive areas using helicopters and GPS coordinates to treat selected saltcedar. The budget allows for chemical treatment at \$220 per acre.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 3.4: TSSWCB will contract with the selected applicator (Subtask 3.3) (chemical saltcedar control contractor) to treat an estimated 1,422 acres of saltcedar in segment 2311 of the Pecos River, between Interstate-20 and Girvin, TX and an estimated 353 acres of saltcedar in segments 2311 and 2310 of the Pecos River, between Girvin, TX and the Val Verde County line with ArsenalTM (Imazapyr) herbicide or a comparable generic version. The herbicide will be applied by helicopter in a selective manner using GPS guidance technology, to control saltcedar and having little or no effect on desirable plants and wildlife. General areas to be sprayed were developed from low-level, high-resolution aerial photography that was digitized and converted to GIS shapefiles. Areas will be ground-truthed by the District Technicians prior to initiating spraying. These files will be loaded into the helicopter's GPS system and will dictate where herbicide is applied.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 3.5: The District Technicians will be onsite with the TSSWCB contractor during aerial pesticide application to observe and document (Observation Checklist) the following: 1) chemical mixture, 2) chemical application, 3) treatment acreage, and 4) weather conditions.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

TASK 4: Biological Control of Saltcedar

Subtask 4.1: Extension will coordinate site selection with the saltcedar spraying and debris removal efforts (Tasks 3 & 5) so that these areas do not overlap with biological control areas.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. Beetle distribution from the Pecos site and the location of new sites is being mapped via GIS and will be distributed to all parties involved to eliminate any possibility of beetle destruction by spraying or burning.

10% Complete

Subtask 4.2: Extension will establish at least 10 release sites across the watershed. Beetles will be placed in protective enclosures and the beetle populations will be allowed to go through one regeneration cycle before being released.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. Overwintered Saltcedar leaf beetles were found at the Pecos site in early April. By June population had increased sufficiently to defoliate nearly all saltcedar approximately 1 mile northwest and southeast of the original release site. This site has served as a nursery location to obtain *Diorhabda elongate* (Crete) beetles for release at new sites. To date, over 7,000 adult beetles have been collected for release at new or existing sites.
- B. A new site was selected near the highway 18 Pecos River Bridge. A protective cage was placed at this site and inoculated with 200 Tunisian beetles May 28, 2010. Ten saltcedar trees were selected and marked as stated above for monitoring beetle population increase and dispersal. On June 29, two adults and 205 larvae were found in the cage. The cage top was removed to allow beetles to disperse.
- C. Two new sites were selected west of Fort Stockton. Six protective cages were placed at these sites; three inoculated with Crete beetles and three inoculated with Tunisian beetles. Each cage was inoculated with 200 beetles. Tunisian beetles were placed into the cages May 22 and Crete beetles June 4. Perimeter cages inoculated with Tunisian beetles counted 51, 338 and 78 larvae and 36, 17 and 19 adult beetles. An intense storm (June 15) with wind gusts of 80 mph blew 5 of the 6 cages off the saltcedar trees they covered. The formerly caged trees were identified and marked with flagging tape. Counts of adults and larvae were made June 21. Counts of Crete adults and larvae were 0, 0 and 0; 0, 168 and 122 respectively. Tunisian adult and larvae counts were 0, 0 and 0; and 3, 0 and 2 respectively.
- D. On June 15, 5,000 Crete beetles collected from the Pecos site were open field released and 10 trees selected for monitoring population increase and dispersal. On June 18, an additional 10,000 Crete beetles collected from Big Spring were released.
- E. On June 18 10,000 Crete beetles were released open field on a ranch located near Imperial. 10 Trees were selected for monitoring population increase and dispersal. On June 25, an additional 2,500 Crete Beetles were released.
- F. On June 29, 800 Tunisian beetles were released open field at a new site near Mentone. The trees were selected for population monitoring.

25% Complete

Subtask 4.3: Extension will track and document the location of biological control sites and leaf beetle release dates and the subsequent acres of defoliated saltcedar on each site. Extension will create GIS maps showing the location of release sites and defoliated acres at each site.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. All new release sites have been documented with GPS location points. The sites will be located on a map for dispersal to all involved parties.

10% Complete

TASK 5: Prescribed burning for saltcedar debris removal

Subtask 5.1: TFS will coordinate with the District Technicians to obtain permission for debris

burning activities from private landowners (Subtask 3.1).

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.2: TFS will draft the appropriate prescribed burn plans.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.3: TFS will work with the District Technicians to inform landowners of scheduled prescribed burns. Where practical, landowners and local prescribed burning organizations shall be involved in burning activities.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 5.4: TFS will conduct prescribed burning on standing dead saltcedar that has been chemically treated prior to this project along the main channel of the river, between Girvin, TX and the confluence of the Pecos River and Independence Creek, or about 138 river miles. As stated in the WPP, at least 3 years should have transpired between chemical treatments and prescribed burning in order to achieve the most effective kill rate of saltcedar and the most effective degree of debris removal. Controlled burns will only be conducted in areas where landowners have given permission for these activities to be carried out.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

TASK 6: Support and Facilitation of WPP Implementation, Education and Tracking

Subtask 6.1: Extension will engage and facilitate Pecos River watershed landowners and other entities identified in the Pecos River WPP and work in cooperation with partner agencies to implement the Pecos River WPP. Extension will facilitate and host meetings of the landowners and partner agencies as needed, likely semi-annually at multiple locations across the watershed.

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. The Watershed Coordinator has attended numerous public meeting throughout the watershed and updated meeting participants on project activities.

15% Complete

Subtask 6.2: *Extension will assist governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Pecos River WPP, in identification and acquisition of resources (financial and technical) to enable WPP implementation. Extension will actively seek and pursue funding opportunities and work with partners to develop grant proposals.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 6.3: *Extension will evaluate progress toward achieving milestones established in the WPP. Extension will publish an addendum to the Pecos River WPP that describes modifications/updates to goals and milestones, explains new understandings of sources and cause of water quality issues, documents success in achieving goals and milestones and success in achieving water quality improvement and load reductions at least biennially. As the WPP was published in October 2008, this biennial addendum would most appropriately be published around October 2010, or soon thereafter.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 6.4: *Extension will facilitate and coordinate education and outreach activities as identified in the Pecos River WPP. Extension will develop and distribute press releases when warranted. Specifically, Extension will collaborate with NRCS and SWCDs to host workshops, field days, demonstrations, site tours, or other education events focused on each of the following topics:*

- *Texas Watershed Steward Program (2 events)*
- *Lone Star Healthy Streams Program (2 events)*
- *Nutrient Management (2 events)*
- *Wildlife Management (3 events)*
- *Crop Management (2 events)*
- *Irrigation Management (3 events)*
- *Feral Hog Management (2 events)*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

A. Initial planning has taken place to get the Texas Watershed Steward Program scheduled.

2% Complete

Subtask 6.5: *Extension will provide information to IBWC for inclusion in the Clean Rivers Program Basin Summary Report and Basin Highlights Report. Extension shall participate in IBWC-sponsored meetings of the Clean Rivers Program Basin Advisory Committee.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. The Watershed Coordinator and the Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation Technician attended and reported to the Clean Rivers Program Advisory Committee meeting in Midland on April 21, 2010.

10% Complete

Subtask 6.6: *Extension will develop and publish a semi-annual newsletter that is designed to keep landowners and entities informed of ongoing WPP implementation activities and other relevant information. The newsletter shall be distributed as most appropriate to individual landowners and entities in the watershed.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

Subtask 6.7: *The Watershed Coordinator will make deliberate efforts to increase awareness of the WPP and secure implementation support thereof from county and municipal governments, and irrigation districts throughout the watershed, as well as, the Red Bluff Water and Power Control District. The Watershed Coordinator will also work with the Pecos River Compact + Commission and the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to explore mechanisms to influence the implementation of management measures in New Mexico that have positive effect to the Pecos River in Texas.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. Work has continued in an effort to coordinate the resurrection of a salt mining effort near Malaga Bend, NM. This involves the establishment of an agreement between a private salt harvesting company and Red Bluff WPCD.
- B. The Watershed Coordinator has attended numerous public meeting throughout the watershed and updated meeting participants on project activities.
- C. The Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation Technician attended and reported to the New Mexico Lower Pecos River Watershed Alliance.

15% Complete

TASK 7: Compilation of Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data

Subtask 7.1: *Extension will maintain and update Red Bluff release and delivery databases. USGS gaging station discharge data and TCEQ Clean Rivers Program water quality and streamflow data from established monitoring sites will be updated and maintained in existing databases by Extension. This task will build upon the existing water quality database developed under TSSWCB project 04-11.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. A student technician at TWRI has been compiling water quality data from SWQMIS for analysis purposes and will be feeding this information into the database.

5% Complete

Subtask 7.2: *Extension will collaborate with IBWC to assess water quality data collected through the Clean Rivers Program and other projects in relation to achieving load reductions described in the WPP.*

The following actions have been completed during this reporting period:

- A. No activity to report at this time.

0% Complete

III. Related Issues/Current Problems and Favorable or Unusual Developments

None reported at this time.

IV. Projected Work for Next Quarter

- A. Work to produce maps identifying spraying and burning sensitive areas along the river channel.
- B. Work to renew and secure additional agreements to spray, burn and revegetate areas infested with saltcedar along the river once the agreements are developed.
- C. Monitor new beetle releases and enhance as necessary
- D. Add one more beetle release site.
- E. Attend monthly board meeting with SWCDs 213, 231, and 241.
- F. Meet with County Extension Agents in Crane, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, and Winkler-Loving County offices to discuss opportunities to educate landowners via Extension programs and local organizations.
- G. Work with TFS to obtain list of landowners on the Pecos River and obtain copies of Burn Plans.
- H. Work with TFS, TWRI, and TSSWCB to develop list of landowners on the Pecos River.
- I. Obtain permission to spray saltcedar in priority areas.