

National Fire Plan Hazardous Fuels Reduction Utah

In early May 2002, fuels reduction work saved a popular BLM campground from major damage. An early season wildfire, pushed by wind, rapidly spread up the river bottom and threatened to overrun the Goose Island campground, near Moab. The campground was quickly evacuated and fire crews, using the fire break that had been created just two weeks previously, were able to stop the fire before it seriously damaged the campground facilities. This success illustrates the sound hazardous fuels reduction planning for the Tamarisk project in the Moab Field Office. Situated along the Colorado River just outside of Moab are eight BLM campgrounds heavily used by the tourists to Moab and the surrounding national parks. The project consists of establishing fire breaks and thinning out the tamarisk in key areas to stop or slow the growth of a fire. The work was done by fire crews and youth groups.



Students loading cut tamarisk into truck for removal.