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Mr. Tim Cazier  
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1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Fountain M-1981-307, Follow-up to inspection dated June 29, 2022

Dear Mr. Cazier:

Please accept this letter as our written response to the item due 08/26/2022.

1) CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall provide documentation of having treated the tamarisk.

RESPONSE: Attached is the El Paso County weed control for Tamarisk. We will be doing the mechanical method. Please accept this letter as our written request to extend the due date for this problem to 10/26/2022. We will be cutting the small plants and bulldozing the large stands and will follow up in the spring with applying herbicide when 1 to 2 meters tall, if there is re-growth.

Please let me know if anything additional is needed at this time (970) 407-3631.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Mikulas".

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# Tamarisk



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### **Tamarisk (Salt cedar) - *Tamarix* spp.**

A small shrub or tree that reproduces vegetatively and by seed. Mature plants can produce up to 600,000 seeds that are viable for up to 45 days. It increases the salinity of the soil surface, which favors its growth while hindering native plant growth. It is often found in floodplains, along river banks, stream banks, irrigation ditches, and marshes.

#### **Identification:**

- Flowers: Tiny, pink to white, 5 petals, slender flower stalks.
- Leaves: Small, scale-like (like juniper), bluish-green in color.
- Stems: Reddish-brown color.

#### **Control Methods:**

##### Biological:

*Diorhabda* elongata-Leaf beetle, is available for limited distribution.

##### Mechanical:

Bulldozing can be used to open up large stands of salt cedar; follow up with herbicide treatment of re-growth when 1 to 2 meters tall.

The cut-stump method can be applied with a chainsaw, or loppers for smaller plants.

##### Chemical:

Recommendations only! Always read, understand and follow the label.

#### **The label is the law!**

Cut-stump method refers to mechanically cutting down the tree, then immediately applying herbicide to the stump.

*Triclopyr*: Cut-stump & basal bark - Summer to fall.

*Glyphosate* (Aquatic): Cut-stump - Summer to fall. Treat the cambium immediately after cutting and to roots above the ground.

*Triclopyr* + *Aminopyralid*: Broadcast foliar treatment: Apply when plants are growing rapidly—May to September.