

# ARKANSAS RIVER COMPACT ADMINISTRATION

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## RESOLUTION 2008 - 02

### CONCERNING JOINT EFFORT BY THE STATE OF COLORADO AND THE STATE OF KANSAS IN PURSUIT OF A TAMARISK CONTROL AND WATERSHED RESTORATION PROGRAM USING A REGIONAL APPROACH

**WHEREAS**, tamarisk is an exotic plant species that is invasive due to its prolific reseeding and extensively deep root system; and

**WHEREAS**, tamarisk has reproduced rapidly, invading over 78,000 acres within the Arkansas River basin of Colorado and Kansas; and

**WHEREAS**, tamarisk infestation has diminished the habitat of native plants and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that tamarisk acts as a fuel ladder creating high fire dangers; and

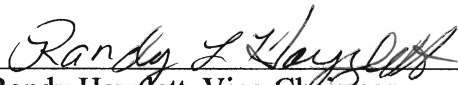
**WHEREAS**, tamarisk causes the narrowing of river channels posing extreme flooding dangers; and

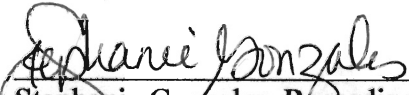
**WHEREAS**, tamarisk is a phreatophyte species that is impacting the limited water resources in the over-appropriated Arkansas River basin; and

**WHEREAS**, this tamarisk infestation is not limited to just one watershed or just one State and any tamarisk control project should not be limited by State boundaries.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Arkansas River Compact Administration supports the States of Colorado and Kansas in pursuing funding through Public Law 109-320, *The Salt Cedar and Russian Olive Demonstration Act* and other Federal funding to fund a joint tamarisk control and watershed restoration project in the Arkansas River basin.

**ADOPTED** by the Arkansas River Compact Administration this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2008, at the annual meeting of ARCA held in Lamar, Colorado.

  
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