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Southwest Conservation Corps assist with Arkansas River Travel Management Plan implementation

Cañon City, Colo. – An eight-member Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) work crew, ages 20-25, have been instrumental with the implementation of the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office's Arkansas River Travel Management Plan (TMP) near Salida.

The SCC crew started working last week constructing fence along a mile and a half stretch on BLM lands off County Road 108. This area is within the Arkansas River TMP area. It was recently spotlighted by the BLM for its ongoing problems with dumping and illegal off-road use. Prison crews were utilized in the clean-up operations and the BLM hopes construction of the fence will minimize future illegal dumping and off-road use.

Utilization of the SCC crew was made possible through assistance agreements with the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) and the Gold Belt Byway Association. SCC is a non-profit agency founded in 1998, providing young women and men with structured, safe and challenging work and education opportunities through employment projects. More information about the SCC can be found at their Web site at www.sccorps.org.

“We are fortunate that we can utilize the Southwest Conservation Corps in our implementation efforts of the Arkansas River TMP. It is a benefit to the BLM, SCC and our public land users.” said Royal Gorge Field Manager Roy Masinton.

The fencing project should be completed by Thursday, June 25. For further information contact the Royal Gorge Field Office at 719-269-8500.

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