

Appendix E

FY 2004 Border Project

BLM—Yuma Field Office

Project Name: Yuma border cleanup & fire restoration

Unit Name: Lower Colorado River

Date of Project: February 4 to April 11, 2004

Location: Fire restoration - *Township:* 8 South, *Range:* 24 West, *Section:* west ½ 28 (within). Gila and Salt River Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona.

Cleanup – *Township.* 8 South, *Range* 24 West, *Sections:* 28, 32, 33 (within); *Township* 9 South, *Range* 24 West, *Sections:* 5, 7, 8, 18, (within); *Township* 10 South, *Range* 25 West, *Sections:* 13, 14, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, 35 (within) *Township* 11 South, *Range* 25 West, *Sections:* 27, 28, 33, 34 (within). Gila and Salt River Meridian, Yuma County, Arizona.

Participants: Ron Morfin, Fred Wong, Dave Heithaus, Coconino Rural Environment Corps,

Project Coordinator(s): Ron Morfin

Description of Project:

The Yuma Field Office restored border areas affected by undocumented immigrant activities along the Colorado River. Field Office Staff and contracted crews from the Coconino Rural Environment Corps planted 250 cottonwood and willow poles scattered within a 14-acre area to replace trees that were destroyed when a wildfire (C936) occurred on June 17, 2001. An open top cage consisting of wire mesh anchored to a T-post and rebar was placed around each planted pole for protection from beavers and other wildlife.

For the cleanup phase, Field Office Staff and contracted crews from the Coconino Rural Environment Corps picked up trash along nine miles of the river levee road on BLM administered land on the border area from Morelos Dam and south along the entire stretch of the Colorado River to San Luis, Arizona.

Results:

During the project, crewmembers were contacted by some of the recreating public who expressed their appreciation for cleaning up the area. It was noted that in addition to the importance of the entire project area for bird hunting, the area near Morelos Dam receives a fair amount of weekly day-use for fishing and boat launching.



Before



After



Planted pole with wire mesh protection