

2010 “Partners in Conservation” Award Winning Partnership Descriptions

National Riparian Service Team

BLM Lead: Gordon Toeves

The National Riparian Service Team brings diverse communities and organizations together to protect and enhance stream corridors and wetlands throughout the West. By creating partnerships through joint training and knowledge sharing, the Team fosters common understanding and cooperation for improving and maintaining riparian resources.

Native Fish Conservation and Restoration Partnership

BLM Lead: Heidi Blasius

Through the Native Fish Conservation and Restoration Partnership, native fish and critical aquatic habitats have been restored and protected within the 1.4 million acres of public lands managed by BLM-Arizona’s Safford District Office. Numerous individuals and organizations have contributed to the construction of nonnative fish barriers, reintroduction of native species, and continual monitoring.

Seeds of Success Partnership

BLM Lead: Peggy Olwell

The Seeds of Success Partnership is a national, wildland seed collection network of 39 organizations that have created over 9,000 wildland native seed collections of more than 3,000 species. The collections provide a hedge against native plant loss from climate change and help to ensure that iconic, American species and their plant communities are preserved for future generations.

Modoc County

BLM Lead: Tim Burke

Modoc County, California, has enhanced 6.5 million acres of public lands through its Sage Steppe Ecosystem Restoration Strategy, a local/Federal partnership dedicated to environmental restoration and ecosystem health. The Strategy employs a landscape-level, vegetative management approach to reduce encroachment of western juniper into the sagebrush-grassland ecosystem of northeast California and northwest Nevada, thus improving plant diversity and conserving the land for wildlife habitat and other purposes.