

# Salt Cedar Management In The Middle Rio Grande

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A photograph of a tree with dense, pinkish-red foliage, possibly a Japanese maple, standing on a pebbly beach. The tree's branches hang over the ocean. The water is a deep blue-green, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. In the distance, a hazy coastline is visible.

# Whats The Big Deal?

- Invasive
- Destroys Native Habitat
- Uses & Wastes Water
- Extreme Fire Danger
- Causes saline soils

“These plants contain salt that they deposit through their leaves. Other riparian species are unable to survive the salty conditions and Saltcedar can then become the only plant growing in an area. Some reports show that one acre of Saltcedar can use 7.7 acre feet of water a year (2.8 million gallons).”

-Colorado Weed Management Association

















Ok, so it's bad. How do we eradicate it?

- Biological Control
- Chemical Control
- Mechanical Control

# Biological Control

- The Salt cedar bug (*diorhabda elongata* spp.)
- Now widely spread throughout the entire state.
- Defoliates trees, but hasn't caused significant mortality.
- Stunts growth, slows reproduction.
- Helps, but is not a solution.

# Chemical Control

- Herbicide from the ground, air, or on stumps.
- Essentially pointless now that the Salt cedar bug is established.
- Herbicide cannot enter the tree in sufficient quantities due to defoliation.
- Bugs are fatally sensitive to herbicide.

# Mechanical Control



Extract, Pile, Burn







# Extract & Mulch





Remove & Root Plow



# Remove & Root Plow





Write a description for your map.

Orbited Polygon

1996



Google



2005



2005



NW Frontage Rd

125 Frontage Rd

25

Flow Control Conveyance Channel Service Rd



2009



NW Frontage Rd

I-25 Frontage Rd



Low Flow Conveyance Channel Service Rd

2011



NW Frontage Rd

I-25 Frontage Rd

Low Flow Conveyance Channel Service Rd

2013



NW Frontage Rd

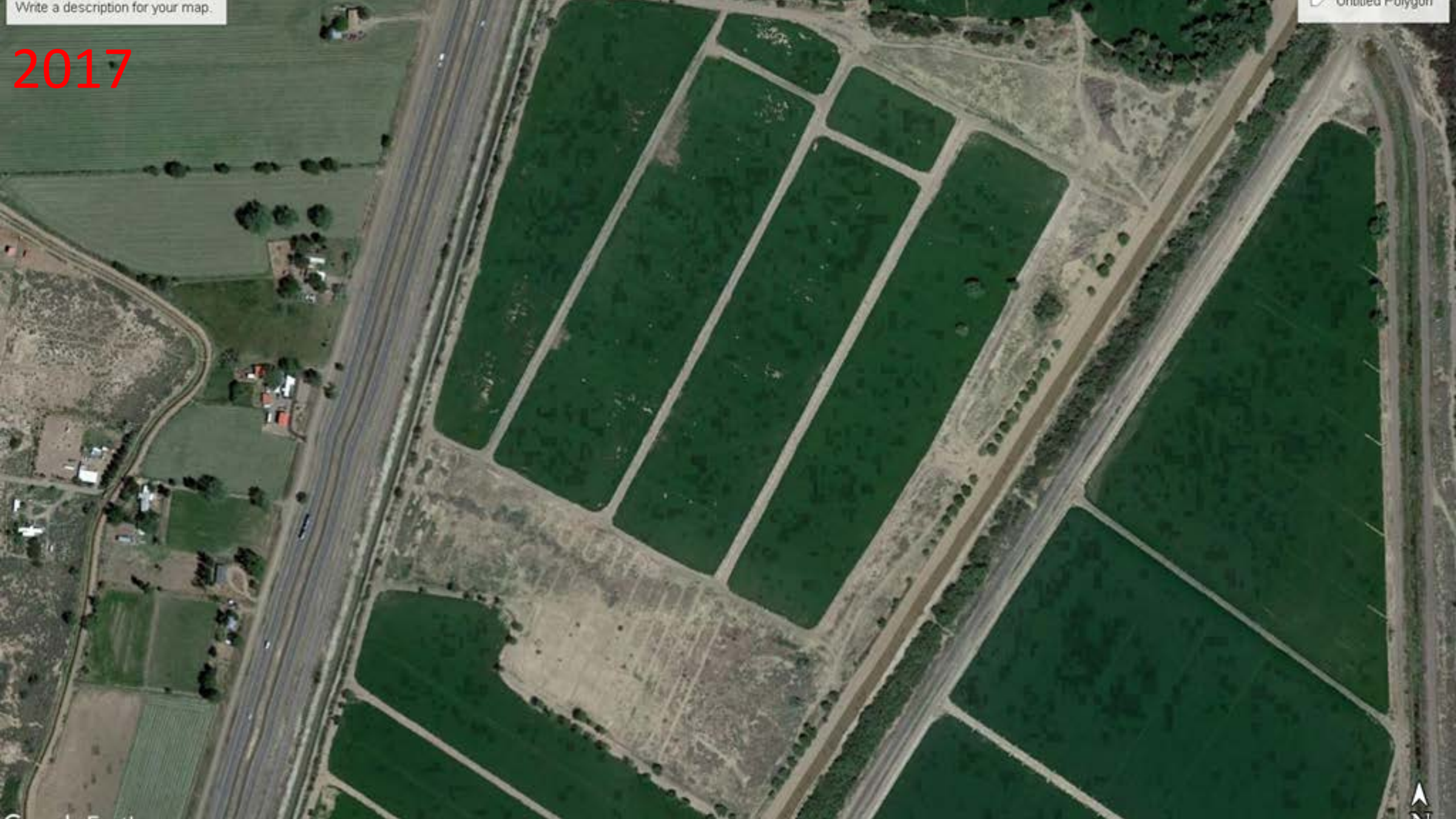
I-25 Frontage Rd

Low Flow Conveyance Channel Service Rd

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2017

Unlabeled Polygon



Dean Property



Holme



# Gonzales Property



# Carangelo Property





Following is a summary of the acreage that we done to date using this funding.

Tract and Practices	Acreage	Funding Year	Funding Amount
Thomas tract, Whitaker tract, Lawrence tract/extraction and mulching	17.17 acres	FY 2008	\$42,000
NM Department of Game & Fish Extraction and mulching	26 acres	FY 2009	\$42,000
Valdez tract, Pepllar tract Root plowing/raking into burn piles	73.1 acres	FY 2010	\$38,558
NM Department of Game and Fish-Ladd S Gordon Refuge Extraction, piling, seeding	102 acres	FY 2011	\$36,549
Carangelo tract Root plowing/raking followed with reveg planting Herkenhoff tract Paddle scraping	119.1 acres	FY 2012	\$34,720
Bourne/Babcock tract Extraction and piling, grass seeding	23 acres	FY 2013	\$34,720
Armijo tract Extraction/windrowing	51.8 acres	FY 2014	\$34,720
Bruton tract Root plowing/raking Armijo/Gonzales and Bourne/Babcock tracts Fencing and Noxious weed treatment	101 acres	FY 2015	\$34,625
Gonzales tract Root plowing/raking Shrub purchase for follow up plantings	31.2 acres	FY 2016	\$4,417.25
Dean tracts Extraction/root plows Extraction/root plow/rake into piles for burning	35 acres	FY 2017	\$31,375

