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SENATOR ALLARD INTRODUCES TAMARISK CONTROL BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Wednesday, along with Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) introduced the Salt Cedar Control Demonstration Act into the U.S. Senate.

The Salt Cedar plant, also known as the Tamarisk, has invaded the margins of streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the Western United States. An individual plant can consume up to 200 gallons of water per day, which has exacerbated drought conditions in the West, and is highly disruptive to native habitats and species.

“The tamarisk has become a serious problem throughout the West,” Senator Allard said. “This bill will mark a major step in the continued effort by Congress to provide important resources for the removal of invasive species.”

“Eradication of this unquenchable shrub will save water, reduce salinity and provide better habitat for the Southwest Willow Flycatcher and other riparian species,” Senator Allard said. “This is an important step in mitigating the water shortages and environmental damage associated with the tamarisk.”

The bill will provide millions of dollars to states and public/private partnerships to control and eradicate the tamarisk.

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