

# Ancestral Lands: Restoration Through Partnership and Development of Native Young Adults



Southwest  
Conservation  
Corps

CONSERVATION  
**legacy**



# CONSERVATION CORPS TODAY



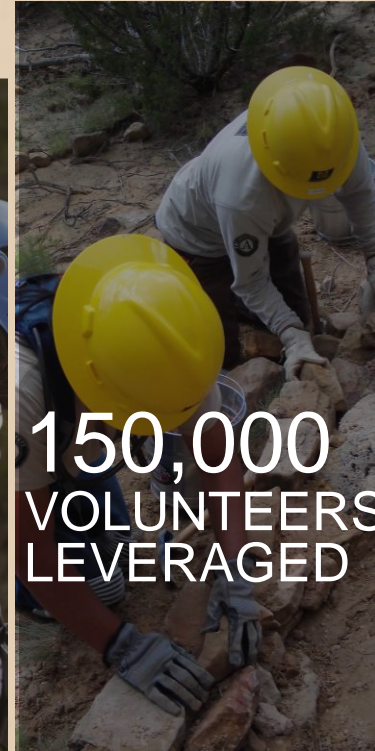
100+  
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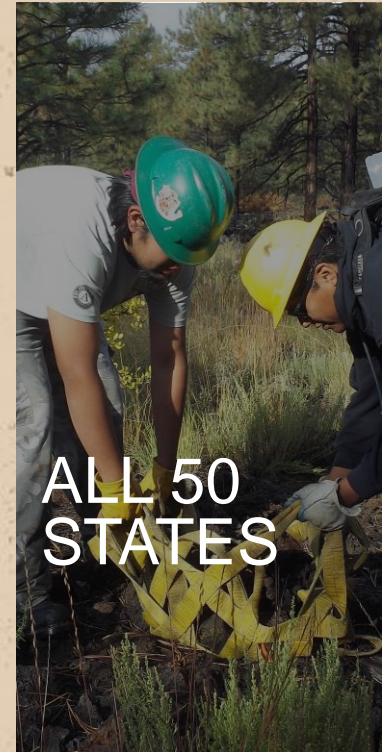
25,800  
YOUNG  
PEOPLE  
13,000 on  
Federal  
Lands



21  
MILLION  
HOURS of  
SERVICE  
WORK



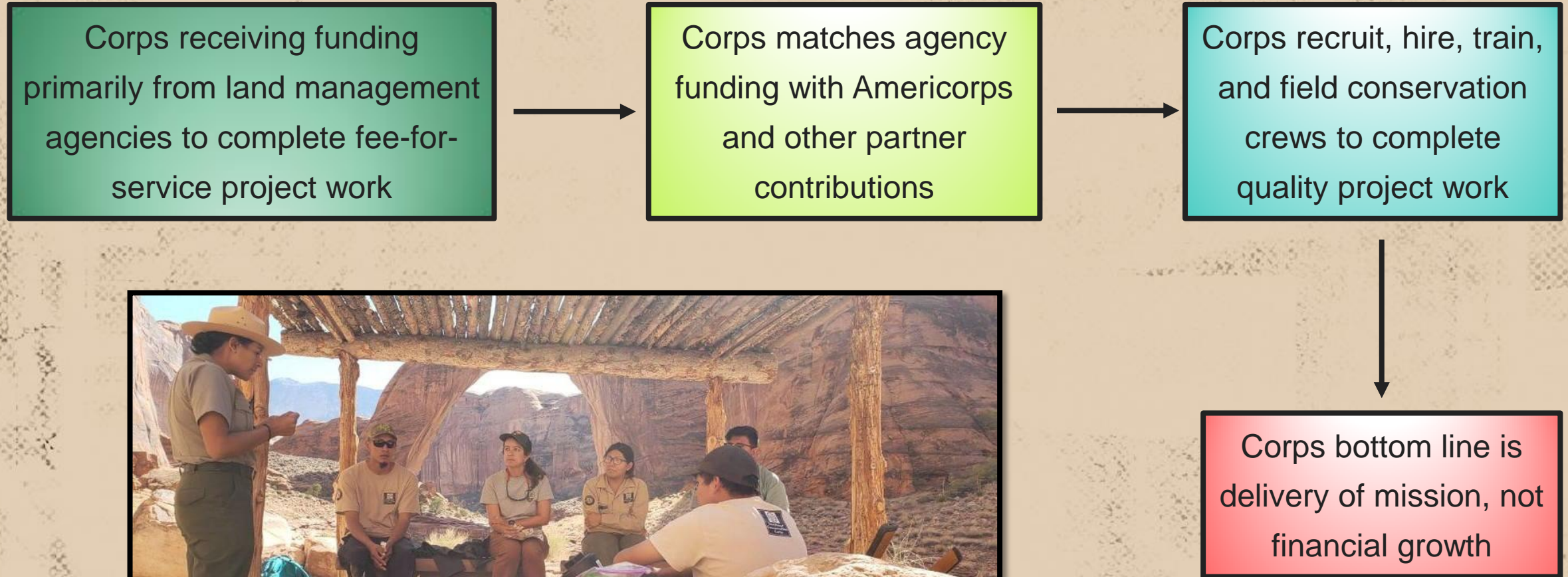
150,000  
VOLUNTEERS  
LEVERAGED



ALL 50  
STATES



# Funding to Operations



# CONSERVATION LEGACY PROGRAMS



## CONSERVATION LEGACY CENTRAL OFFICE

DURANGO, CO



## SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS

DURANGO AND SALIDA, CO  
ACOMA PUEBLO, ZUNI AND GALLUP,  
NM



## ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS

FLAGSTAFF, TUCSON AND THE  
WHITE MOUNTAINS, AZ



## SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION CORPS

CHATTANOOGA, TN



## STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

BECKLEY, WV AND DURANGO, CO  
INTERN PLACEMENTS NATIONWIDE



## GREAT APPALACHIAN VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS

NEW MARKET, VA



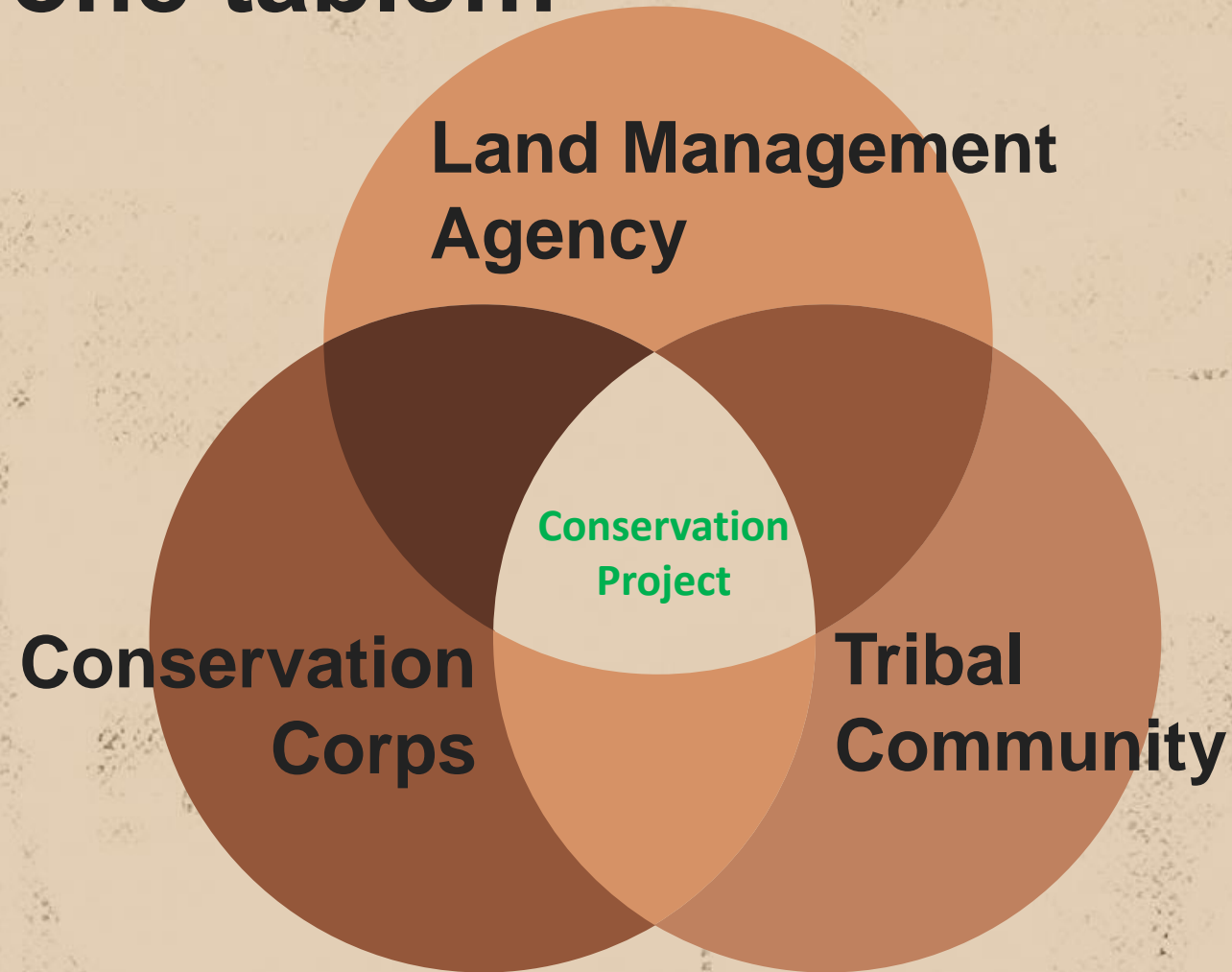


*“Empowering individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities and their environment”*

# ANCESTRAL LANDS

**“Leading our Nations back to ecological and cultural well-being”**

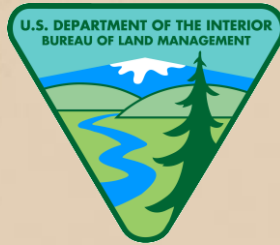
# Bringing Agencies, Tribal Communities and Corps to one table...



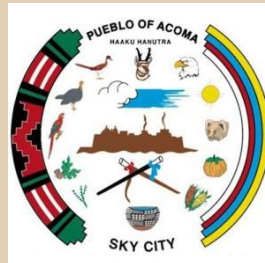


# COLLABORATION

Partnerships include funding project work, collaboration for education, training, recruitment and more.



21ST CENTURY  
CONSERVATION  
SERVICE CORPS



The Nature  
Conservancy



# What makes SCC's Ancestral Lands Program Unique?



- 100% Native American Leaders/Participants
- “In-Community” office locations
- Native Staff at the local level
- Projects focused on Indigenous Lands
- Coordinate trainings across multiple tribes/pueblos
- Subset of existing community



# SCC-AL Community Offices



## Acoma

Founded in 2008, currently crews doing traditional agriculture, preservation, trail work, and youth hiking club.



## Navajo

Beginning in 2012, currently fields 10-15 crews a year doing chainsaw work, GIS mapping, erosion control and other work.



## Zuni

Beginning in 2015, fields 3-5 crews a year doing preservation, trail work, fencing, sacred sites



## Hopi

Beginning in June 2017, crews current focus is on restoration and recreation infrastructure.



**Albuquerque- Barrio Corps- 2016**  
Urban-Native and Hispanic Young Adults.



# What is Southwest Conservation Corps role with Ancestral Lands?

- Corps Expertise and guidance for the AL Program.
- Project and Partner Development assistance.
- Administrative support for “In-Community” Offices.
- AmeriCorps management





# CONSERVATION CREW PROJECT WORK



## ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

Chainsaw Crews  
GIS Mapping  
Riparian Restoration  
Fencing

## TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE

Hubble Trading Post  
Acoma Traditional Farm  
Program

## RECREATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Trail Building  
Facilities Maintenance  
Rock Climbing Sites  
Preservation of Historical Sites

## ECOLOGICAL IMPACT:

2015-2016: 100,000 hours of project work, improved over 600 acres and 600 miles of rivers, roads and trails on public lands. Created over 400 jobs for native youth!



# POSITIVE IMPACTS:



## INDIVIDUAL

Personal and professional development

### Professional Development

- Resume Building
- USA jobs Account
- Project Partner shadowing
- Leadership training
- Life Financial Skills
- Goal Setting
- Work Ethic

## ECOLOGICAL

Training and project work

## COMMUNITY

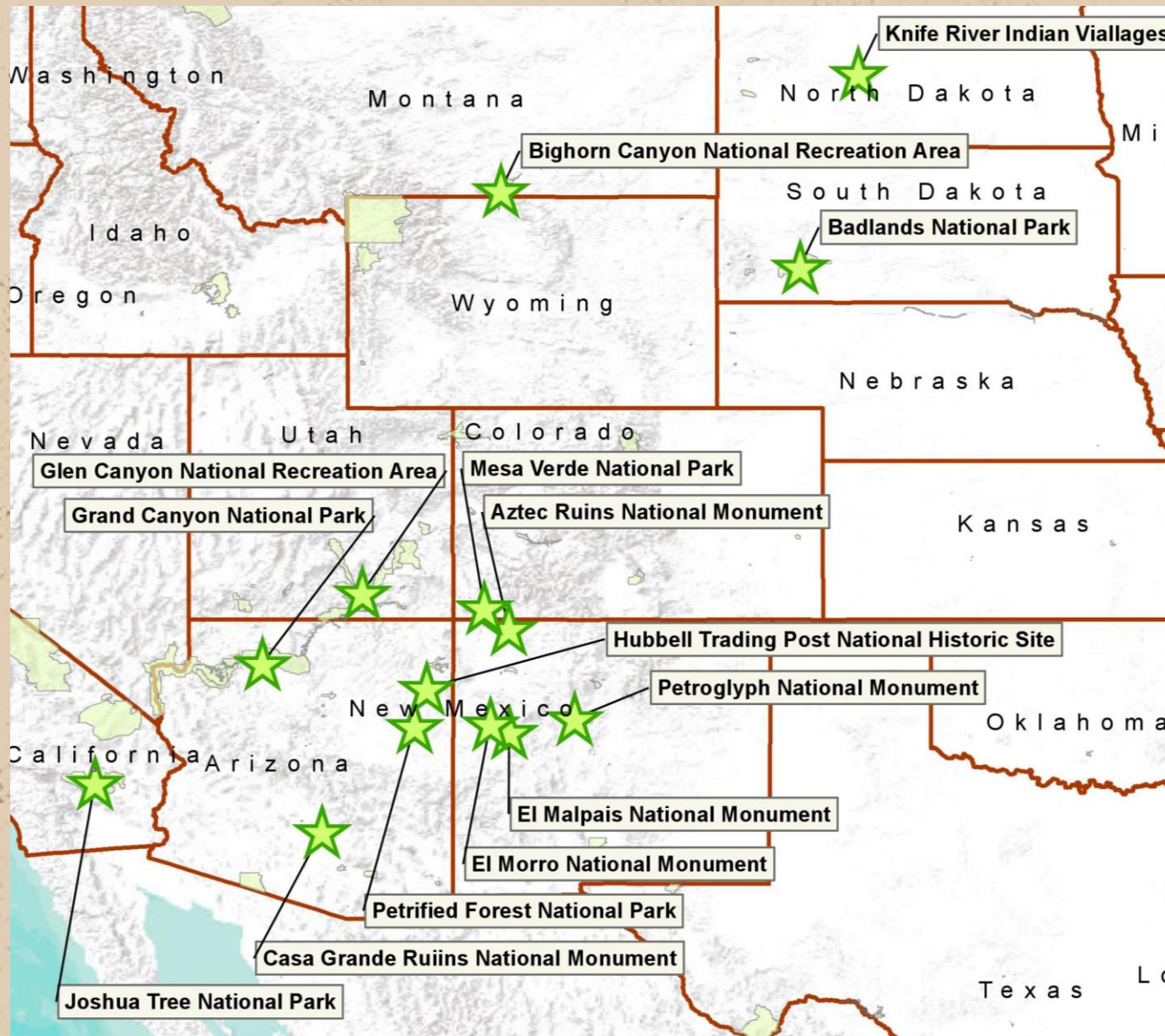
Employment, education, cultural reconnection

### Certifications:

- CPR, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, WFA, WFR
- S-212 Chainsaw
- GIS and Plant ID
- Ecology 101
- Fence Construction
- LNT
- Emergency Response
- Historic Preservation



# Ancestral Lands Project Sites





# Russian Olive Treatment- AL Navajo & Escalante River Watershed Partnership

Partnering with ERWP and Glen Canyon NRA, SCC-AL has been involved with backcountry restoration efforts on the Escalante River since 2015.

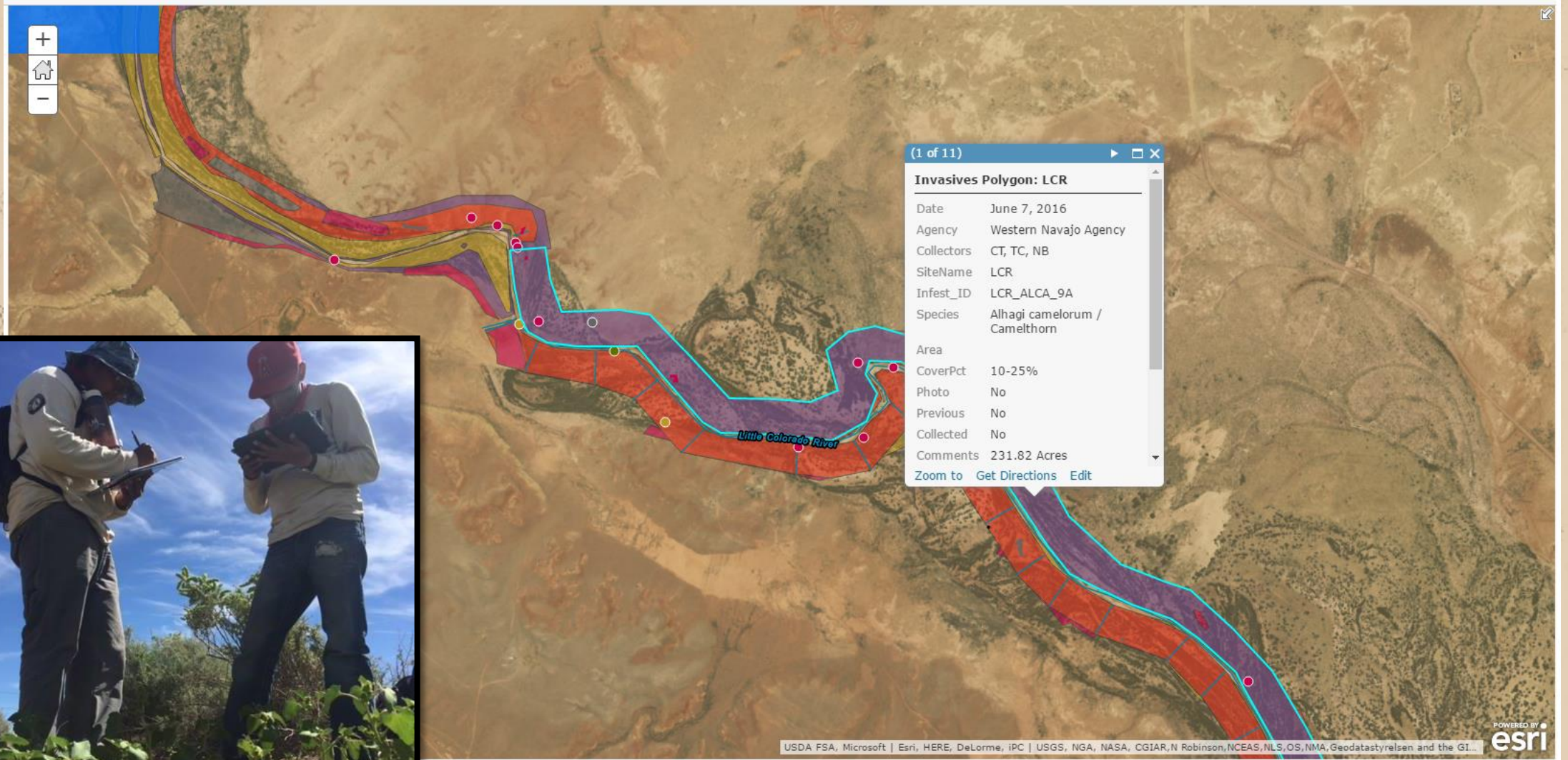
## Escalante River

- Upper Harris Wash
- Lower Harris Wash
- Escalante River proper





# Little Colorado River Invasives Inventory





# Cataract Canyon Weeds Mapping 2015-18



Lower Rapid 24  
RM 201.5

Across Ten Cent  
RM 201

Middle Imperial Canyon  
RM 200

Lower Imperial Canyon  
RM 200

- Collaboration between River Restoration Adventures for Tomorrow, NPS, SCC, NFWF
  - Mapping
  - Control/weeds removal
- No previous weed inventories
- Baseline data for future control
- 8 priority target species
  - Tamarisk, Russian knapweed main problem species
  - Early detection of others such as giant reed, schismus





# 2019 Projects In the Hopper

- **GLCA-NFWF funded Restoration with Grand Canyon Youth- San Juan, Dirty Devil, Colorado River**
- **Sandia Pueblo- Ravenna Grass Treatments- Rio Grande**
- **Zuni Pueblo Bosque Restoration- Bureau of Indian Affairs**
- **The Nature Conservancy, City of Albuquerque- Bosque Restoration, Rio Grande**
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Region- Oljato Wash Russian Olive Retreatment and Chipping, Fort Defiance Wash Restoration**
- **Navajo Veterans Pilot with NPS at Canyon De Chelly**
- **More work with ERWP**
- **Hopi DNR/USFS-Springs Restoration and Russian Olive**



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