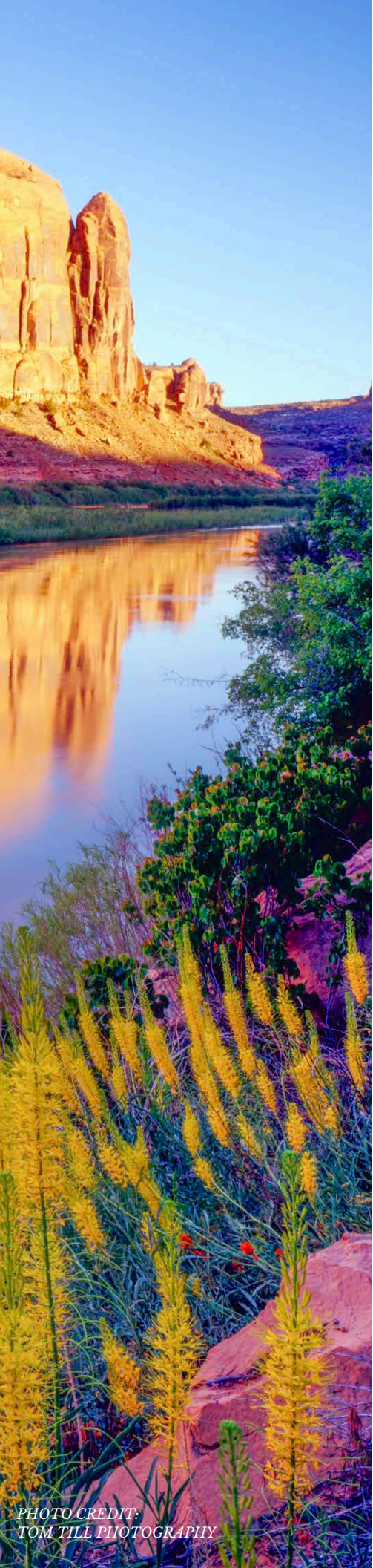

RIVERSEDGE WEST

2025
ANNUAL
REPORT



RiversEdge West

24 YEARS OF
river restoration & stewardship



THANK YOU

for an incredible year!

Dear Friends,

Across the West, the challenges facing our rivers continue to intensify. At the same time, 2025 reminded us that progress is not only possible but is happening every day through persistence, partnership, and a shared commitment to restoration.

We focused on bringing the right people together, applying what we've learned over decades, and accelerating restoration where it matters most. Whether on the ground along riverbanks or in conversations that shape long-term management, our role continues to evolve as both a practitioner and a connector across the region.

This year, your support made it possible to connect more people to this work. Through our restoration projects, volunteer projects, educational programs, and community events, individuals and families experienced firsthand the value of healthy rivers and the role they can play in sustaining them. These connections are essential to building long-term stewardship.

In 2025, you helped RiversEdge West (REW) take a major step forward with our move into the new Confluence Center of Colorado. This new home is a powerful example of partnership in action—a shared space where organizations focused on conservation of our water and lands, education, recreation, and science come together to collaborate, innovate, and widen our impact. Being part of this community strengthens our work and expands what we can accomplish together.

As we move into the year ahead, we are focused on increasing the pace and scale of restoration, supporting our partners with the tools and knowledge they need, and ensuring that the work we do today leads to lasting changes on our rivers and landscape.

We're grateful to have you alongside us in this effort. Your support allows us to continue investing in long-term solutions that strengthen rivers and communities alike.

Thank you for being part of REW.

RUSTY LLOYD

*Executive Director
RiversEdge West*

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HOW WE WORK

RiversEdge West works across the American West to restore riparian (riverside) habitat and support the people who care for these landscapes. We partner with land managers and landowners, lead on-the-ground restoration, and engage students, volunteers, and community members in caring for the rivers we depend on.

RIPARIAN RESTORATION & STEWARDSHIP

Removing invasive plant species, planting native vegetation, and improving river health across public and private lands

LEADING RESTORATION PARTNERSHIPS

Bringing together agencies, landowners, and organizations to plan and carry out restoration at scale

RIVER EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Connecting students, volunteers, and community members to rivers through hands-on learning and outreach

SCIENCE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Providing tools and resources, including workshops, conferences, data, and mapping, to support effective restoration

2025 IMPACT

466

ACRES OF
RESTORATION
CONDUCTED

1,372

YOUTH &
ADULTS
EDUCATED

637

PLANTS
PLANTED

232

VOLUNTEERS
ENGAGED

1,747

ACRES
MONITORED

48

JOBS
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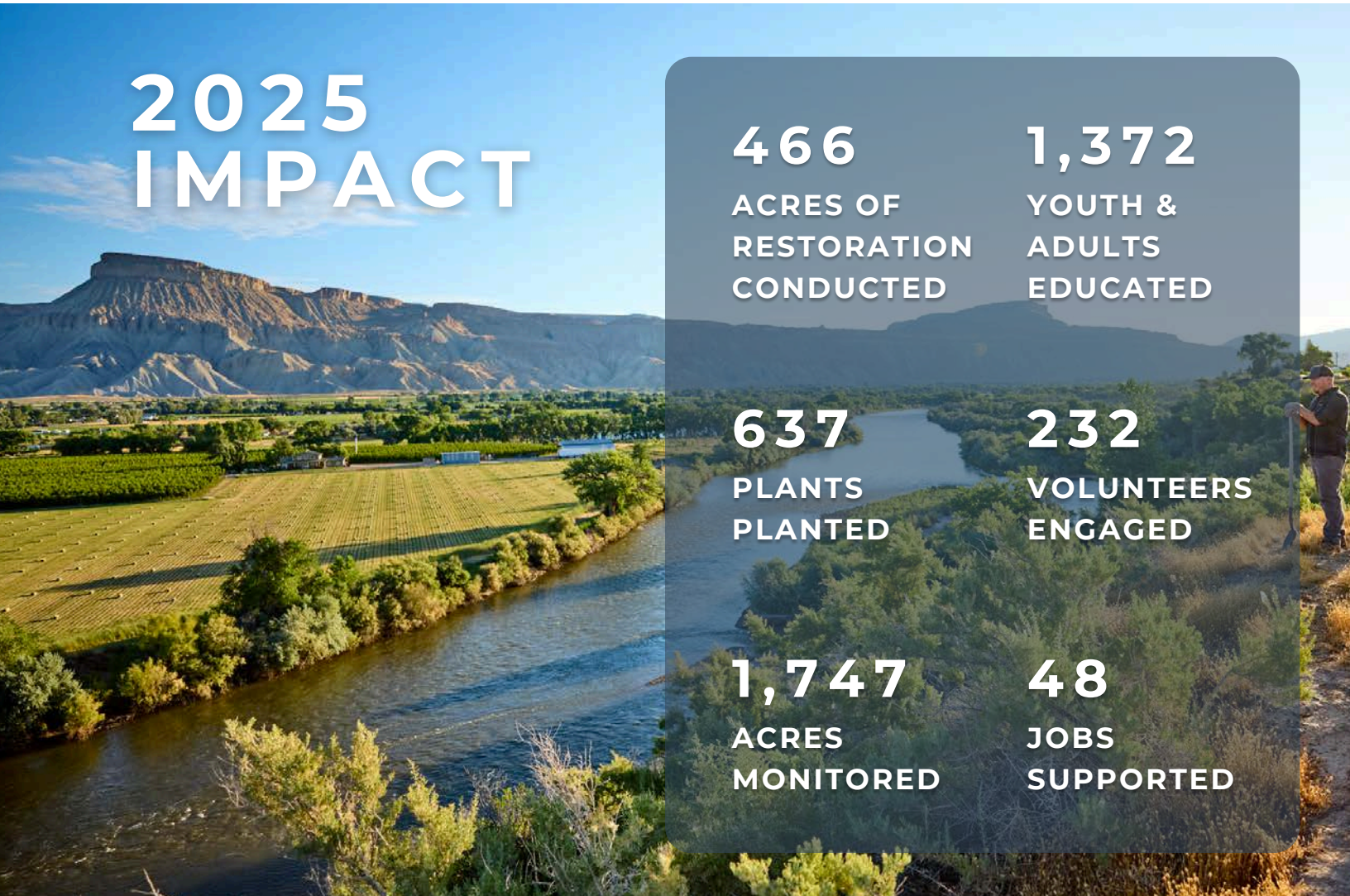




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Confluence of the Dolores and San Miguel Rivers.

DOLORES RIVER RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP

The Dolores River winds through one of the Southwest's most striking and ecologically diverse landscapes. Flowing north from McPhee Reservoir, it carves past towering sandstone cliffs and into remote canyons, shaping a corridor that shifts from cool ponderosa-lined gorges to wide, open desert valleys. Along its course, the river supports a rich cultural history, critical wildlife habitat, and a wide range of recreation opportunities.

Despite its beauty, the river faces mounting pressures. Altered flows and limited water releases, compounded by prolonged drought, have reshaped its natural rhythms. These changes, along with the spread of woody invasive species such as tamarisk, threaten native vegetation, wildlife habitat, and the overall resilience of the river corridor.

For nearly two decades, RiversEdge West has helped lead efforts to protect and restore this corridor through the Dolores River Restoration Partnership (DRRP), a public-private collaborative co-led with Conservation Legacy's Southwest Conservation Corps. REW coordinates restoration across the watershed, aligns strategy, guides implementation, and ensures this work endures over time.



PHOTO CREDIT: VOC

Spreading seed during a volunteer event.



PHOTO CREDIT: WCCC

Burn piles of cut tamarisk in the Dolores River Canyons Wilderness Study Area and Native New Mexico Privet in the background.

That work is visible in the Dolores River Canyon Wilderness Study Area near Bedrock, Colorado, where crews continue a multi-year effort to remove dense tamarisk stands along the floodplain.

On a summer day in 2025, the canyon carried the steady hum of chainsaws as conservation corps crews worked along the river's edge to remove dense stands of tamarisk stretching from the river's edge toward the canyon walls. These dominating thickets of invasive plants have long displaced native cottonwoods, New Mexico privet, grasses, and wildflowers—simplifying a once-diverse system.

Hiking in with tools on their backs, crews reached areas inaccessible to machinery, continuing work that began years earlier. As invasive plant species are removed, the river begins to open again. Native plants return slowly, through both natural recovery and active revegetation, bringing back the diversity and structure the river system needs.

This is just one example of the work happening across the Dolores River watershed. Through long-term coordination and partnership, REW continues to guide restoration that adapts to changing conditions and supports a more resilient river.



Before



After

Before and after photos of a large tamarisk plant removed on a site near the confluence of the Dolores and the San Miguel Rivers.



Volunteers caging cottonwoods to protect them from herbivory along the Dolores River.

WHITE RIVER PARTNERSHIP

For RiversEdge West, restoration is as much about relationships as it is about the land itself. The White River Partnership is one way that work comes to life, connecting partners across state lines to care for a river system that supports both people and wildlife.

Since 2019, REW has led the White River Partnership, coordinating restoration across the White River basin from Colorado's Flat Tops Wilderness to the Green River in Utah. Along the way, the river supports agriculture, provides water for communities, and sustains wildlife habitat in working landscapes.

Entering the lower sandstone canyon sections, the White River is known for its native fish populations and remote recreational opportunities. Along its entire length are native cottonwood gallery forests and, a rarity in the southwest, new cottonwood tree establishment. These outstanding river characteristics are protected and strengthened by REW and partner efforts.

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In 2025, REW continued guiding this work, coordinating partners to implement restoration projects that improve habitat, support agricultural use, and enhance recreation along the river.

One example took place near Rangely, Colorado, where REW brought together the Bureau of Land Management, Western Colorado Conservation Corps, a private landowner, and a contractor to restore riparian habitat across property lines.

Working side by side, partners removed tamarisk and Russian olive and began replanting native species, including cottonwoods and silverleaf buffaloberry.

The impact is both ecological and practical. Native plants are returning, recreational opportunities are improving, and on private lands, previously infested areas are being brought back into productive use, supporting grazing while adding shade and habitat through new plantings.

Projects like this reflect the strength of the partnership: coordinated, cross-boundary work that meets the needs of the land and the people who depend on it. Through the White River Partnership, REW continues to lead efforts that turn collaboration into lasting, on-the-ground change.



DESERT RIVERS COLLABORATIVE

Across the Colorado and Gunnison River basins, no two stretches of river are exactly the same. Similarly, restoration isn't one-size-fits-all. It's shaped by local conditions, community priorities, and a shared goal: healthier, more resilient rivers. The Desert Rivers Collaborative grew out of that understanding.

Since 2012, RiversEdge West has led this partnership, bringing together more than 20 nonprofits, agencies, and local governments to coordinate restoration across Mesa and Delta Counties. At its core, the Collaborative is about aligning resources, sharing knowledge, and tackling challenges that no single organization could address alone.



A CLOSER LOOK: JUMBO MOUNTAIN

Each year, this work shows up in different ways across the landscape. In 2025, one example took shape at Jumbo Mountain, just outside Paonia, CO. The steep, erosive soils of this well-loved trail system were sending sediment into the North Fork of the Gunnison River during storm events. That sediment affects water quality, irrigation systems, aquatic habitat, and the long-term health of the river itself.

RiversEdge West partnered with the Bureau of Land Management's Uncompahgre Field Office to respond with a simple, effective approach: slowing water down.

Across five acres, crews installed 148 wood wattles, low, natural structures designed to catch sediment, reduce erosion, and stabilize fragile drainages. Placed along the contours of the land, these wattles work with the landscape, interrupting fast-moving runoff and giving soil a chance to settle and stay.

Projects like this are one piece of a much larger effort. Across the region, the Collaborative continues to restore biodiversity and river function, reduce wildfire risk, and build resilience one riverside site at a time.



Wood wattle in action at Jumbo Mountain during a storm event.



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UNCOMPAGRE RIVER

In the heart of Montrose, the Uncompahgre River flows past backyards, beneath bridges, and alongside a popular trail where people walk, fish, and pause to watch the water move through town. It's a working river and a community space, supporting wildlife, irrigation, and daily life in equal measure.

For RiversEdge West, this is restoration in full view, where ecological health and community access go hand in hand.

During a site visit in spring 2025, REW staff and partners moved through dense stands of Russian olive and tamarisk, identifying priority areas for upcoming work. In places, the river was difficult to reach, hidden behind thick vegetation that limited both habitat function and public access.

Through a partnership with the City of Montrose Parks Department and Friends of River Uncompahgre, REW is leading planning and coordination efforts to change that. From prioritizing sites to designing treatments and organizing crews, REW helps guide each step of the work from concept to implementation.

As crews and volunteers return to cut, chip, and replant these areas, the changes are immediate and visible. Opening the corridor improves access to the river, reduces wildfire risk, and creates space for native vegetation to take hold. Over time, these efforts restore habitat function while also making the river more welcoming and accessible to the community.

RESTORING PRIVATE LANDS

Healthy rivers don't stop at property lines. Across the West, much of the land along rivers is privately owned, making landowners essential partners in restoration.

Through its Private Lands Biologist program, RiversEdge West works directly with landowners to improve habitat, restore riparian areas, and connect efforts across the broader landscape.

In partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), REW provides technical guidance and helps landowners access federal funding, supporting projects that benefit both individual properties and the river system as a whole.

This approach helps bridge the gap between public and private lands, ensuring that restoration work continues beyond boundaries and builds momentum across entire river corridors.

In 2025, that work led to meaningful on-the-ground impact. REW supported 28 landowners with technical assistance, helped develop four new NRCS funding applications totaling \$171,672, and managed five active restoration projects across 62 acres, securing \$101,900 in federal reimbursements.

Through workshops and outreach, REW also engaged more than 90 community members, building awareness and support for long-term stewardship.



North Fork of the Gunnison River on Kevin and Jackie Parks' property with cottonwood and willow regeneration.



Wetland on Parks' property before Russian olive and tamarisk removal.

LANDOWNER SPOTLIGHT



The health of our rivers depends on strong relationships with the people who care for the land every day. Along the North Fork of the Gunnison River near Hotchkiss, RiversEdge West's commitment to these partnerships is reflected in the long-term stewardship of landowners Kevin and Jackie Parks, whose family has cared for this property for generations.

Protected under a conservation easement, the land has long been managed with wildlife and habitat in mind, including its role as a Critical Conservation Area for the endangered Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Over time, however, invasive species like tamarisk and Russian olive began to take hold along the river corridor, crowding out native vegetation and limiting the habitat needed to support a healthy riparian ecosystem.

With a vision to restore balance and bring native plants back to the landscape, Kevin partnered with REW and the NRCS to move that work forward. REW began working with Kevin in 2024, providing technical guidance and supporting project planning and implementation.

In 2025, that work took shape on the ground. With support from NRCS and guidance from project partners, a contractor removed large areas of invasive vegetation while intentionally leaving some trees in place to maintain habitat structure. This phased approach, informed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, helps ensure that critical habitat for the Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo is protected as native plant species become reestablished.



"The wetlands and riverfront were a magical place when I was a boy in the 60's. In the years since then, slowly but surely, the Russian olive took over so that it wasn't recognizable. After the collaboration with REW, NRCS, Ducks Unlimited, Colorado West Land Trust, Western Slope Conservation Center, Pheasants Forever, and Partners for Fish & Wildlife Service, and with Adam Quain of Elevated Earthworks doing the work, the wetlands and riverfront are now at a place where we can leave it to our daughter and son-in-law and it'll be their turn to take care of it."

- Kevin Parks

The next phase of this work will continue in 2026, focusing on revegetation with native plants and expanded wetland enhancement.

Projects like this demonstrate how thoughtful, collaborative restoration can improve habitat while respecting the needs of working lands. By working alongside landowners like Kevin and Jackie, REW helps turn long-term stewardship into lasting, on-the-ground change for rivers, wildlife, and communities.

RIVER STEWARDSHIP

CREATING COMMUNITY AND IMPACT

Change along the river often begins with a group of people willing to get their hands dirty.

During the 2025 field season, RiversEdge West partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the US Bureau of Reclamation, the City of Fruita, and the City of Grand Junction to lead a series of volunteer restoration events along local rivers and public lands. From Connected Lakes and Island Acres to stretches of the Riverfront Trail and Grand Junction Wildlife Areas, these efforts brought community members directly into the landscapes they call home.

From March through October, more than 150 community members participated in hands-on work to improve river health and wildlife habitat. Together, volunteers removed invasive species such as Russian olive, kochia, and pampas grass, planted 611 native plants, and caged over 100 young cottonwoods to support their growth and survival. Across the season, participants contributed more than 300 hours of restoration work.

These events are about more than acres restored or plants in the ground. They create space for connection and community, and in the process, volunteers can build skills, share knowledge, and deepen their understanding of the river systems that sustain their communities.

Through this collective effort, restoration becomes a shared commitment in supporting healthier, more resilient rivers and strengthening the long-term success of restoration across the region.



As an East Coast transplant, I had no knowledge about living on the Western Slope. Volunteering for RiversEdge West has taught me the importance of the river and its surrounding areas. When volunteering, you never feel like you are working because everyone at REW is friendly, and it feels as if many are part of my family! I am grateful to have been able to participate in the events!

- Dawn Weigand, REW Volunteer



Jeff and Vanessa watering plants at Connected Lakes.



Carissa harvesting willow cuttings at Grand Junction Wildlife Area.



Dawn transplanting cottonwood and willow cuttings at Big Salt Wash in Fruita, CO.



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STEWARDING CONNECTED LAKES

OVER A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP & CARE

At the edge of the Colorado River, Connected Lakes is a place of contrast and change. Once a gravel mining site, it has become a chain of open water, wetlands, and trails; a cherished landscape where people come to birdwatch, paddle, fish, and spend time along the water.

For more than a decade, RiversEdge West has partnered with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to help restore and care for this evolving landscape.

Not long ago, much of the area was overtaken by dense thickets of Russian olive and tamarisk, limiting views and access to the lakes, crowding out native vegetation, and increasing the risk of wildfire.

Through years of coordinated removal and revegetation, those conditions have shifted.



Before



After

Today, open views, growing native plant communities, and improved habitat reflect the steady progress of long-term restoration.

That progress hasn't come without challenges. Two fires in recent years have impacted large portions of the park, including the loss of many mature cottonwoods. In response, REW continues to work alongside CPW and volunteers to plant and water new trees and protect young cottonwoods and native plants.

This work, sustained over time, reflects what restoration can look like. Connected Lakes stands as an example of how partnership, persistence, and community involvement can reshape a landscape and create space for both people and habitat to thrive.



Before



After

RIVER EDUCATION

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO RIVERS

Over the past year, RiversEdge West continued to grow its education programs, creating more opportunities for people of all ages to connect with the Colorado River and the landscapes it supports.

From classrooms to riverbanks, these experiences invite participants to explore the river not just as a resource, but as a living system—one that shapes the region’s ecology, economy, and way of life. Each program is designed to spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and foster a lasting sense of stewardship.

In 2025, that work reached a wide range of audiences:

- 50 elementary students explored invasive species, biodiversity, and river health through classroom lessons connecting science to local landscapes.

- Partnerships with Colorado Mesa University engaged more than 30 students in riparian restoration coursework with hands-on, real-world applications.
- Over 540 K–12 students participated in interactive outdoor learning, including a “Cottonwoods vs. Tamarisk” relay that brought ecological concepts to life through movement and play.
- Outreach lunches, tabling, and guest presentations engaged more than 460 community members in conversations about river restoration and stewardship.

Across all of these efforts, a common thread remains: creating meaningful opportunities for people to understand, experience, and care for the rivers that sustain their communities. By engaging people at every stage of life, REW is helping build a shared commitment to the health and future of riparian ecosystems.



2nd grader collects “pollen” during pollination game.



A COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

Each year, RiversEdge West’s Raft the River event offers a chance to experience the Colorado River from a different perspective: on the water, in motion, and alongside others who care about its future. In 2025, more than 50 community members joined REW for this annual float.

As participants moved through the river corridor, they took in the landscape while hearing directly from staff and board members about the challenges and progress shaping restoration efforts across the region.

The experience deepens understanding of how the river functions and why it matters, offering both a first look at restoration in action and a chance to engage more deeply.



WELLSPRING PROJECT

MAKING WAVES IN RIVER EDUCATION

At the heart of this work is the Wellspring Project, a free summer program that connects middle school students directly to the Colorado River and the systems that shape it. In 2025, 14 students from nine schools spent a week learning not just about the river, but from it.



Wellspring students enjoy a float trip on the Colorado River.

Students began by exploring the basics of river health, learning how invasive plants impact ecosystems, and then stepping into the field at Connected Lakes to study aquatic life and what it reveals about water quality. At the Ute Water Conservancy District treatment plant, they followed the path of water from river to tap, connecting natural systems to everyday life.



Jace, Alec, and Joseph all smiles during the float trip on the Colorado River.



Wellspring student, Quill, catches a fish while flyfishing.

As the week continued, students explored how people have shaped and relied on the river over time. At the CSU Western Colorado Research Center, they explored irrigation and agriculture, then worked with the Palisade Historical Society to understand how water use has evolved. They applied that knowledge by designing and testing their own model dams.

Midweek experiences brought new perspectives. Students learned to fly fish with local partners and visited the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service hatchery, where conservation efforts to protect endangered fish came into focus.



Addie makes a paper mache scorpion from trash collected during the riverside trash cleanup.

Throughout the program, artist Ami Purser helped students translate their observations into creative artwork.

The week ended with rafting the Colorado River, where students experienced the system they had studied, seeing it not just as a lesson, but as a living landscape.



“Communities like Palisade depend on a healthy river corridor, and GVRCI is helping align the right partners and resources to make that vision a reality. This work is setting us up for long-term success in a way we could not do alone.”
— Troy Ward, Town of Palisade

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GRAND VALLEY RIVER CORRIDOR INITIATIVE

The Colorado and Gunnison Rivers wind through the Grand Valley and shape more than the landscape; they support farms, communities, wildlife, and a way of life rooted in the river corridor. The Grand Valley River Corridor Initiative (GVRCI) brings partners together around a shared vision: to restore, enhance, and sustain the health of the Colorado and Gunnison River corridors while supporting the communities that depend on them.

RiversEdge West plays a central role in moving this work forward. As a core partner, REW helps guide restoration strategy, coordinate across partners, and ensure that on-the-ground efforts are anchored in both science and local priorities. Alongside American Rivers, River Network, and Wash Water Science & Engineering, REW contributes technical expertise and long-term perspective to a collaborative effort that spans sectors and boundaries.

That collaboration is what makes this work different. An active Advisory Council made up of municipalities, Mesa County, state and federal agencies, private landowners, nonprofits, and local businesses, brings diverse voices to the table. Together, they are shaping a more connected, resilient river corridor that reflects the needs and values of the Grand Valley.

In 2025, GVRCI reached an important milestone. Partners launched a comprehensive master planning process alongside restoration and conservation planning efforts. The resulting Restoration Action Plan outlines practical, place-based opportunities to improve river function, restore habitat, and guide future investment across the corridor.

With the master plan on track for completion in early 2027, the focus is beginning to shift from planning to action. Together, GVRCI partners are laying the groundwork for lasting, visible change along the river corridor.

WORKSHOP SERIES

SHARING KNOWLEDGE, ADVANCING RESTORATION

In 2025, RiversEdge West hosted a four-part workshop series that brought together land managers, practitioners, and community members to explore practical approaches to riparian restoration across the American West.

Our biennial workshop series provides opportunities to reach new audiences through experiential, local, regional, and state-driven workshops and trainings held where they are needed most.

Unlike larger, centralized conferences, these smaller workshops and webinars can span a broader geography, focus on topics tailored to specific regions, and engage a more diverse audience.

Together, these workshops reflect an ongoing commitment to advancing restoration through shared learning and collaboration, equipping participants with the tools, knowledge, and connections needed to support healthier river systems.



WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION ON PRIVATE LANDS

The series began in Grand Junction, CO, with a winter workshop on wildlife habitat restoration on private lands. Participants learned about local projects, funding opportunities, and strategies for removing invasive species, reestablishing native plants, and improving river access.

BIOCONTROL IN ACTION & RIPARIAN RESTORATION TECHNOLOGY

In the spring, attention turned to biocontrol in Phoenix, AZ, where attendees explored how tamarisk beetles are being used to manage invasive species and support long-term ecosystem recovery.

A virtual summer workshop highlighted emerging technologies, including GIS and satellite imagery, and how these tools are improving restoration planning and monitoring.



RIPARIAN RESTORATION ON PRIVATE LANDS

The series concluded in the fall with a return to Grand Junction, focusing on partnerships with private landowners. Through case studies and shared experiences, participants examined how collaborative approaches can balance ecological goals with the needs of working lands.



TAMARISK BEETLE MONITORING



Since 2007, RiversEdge West has tracked the spread of the tamarisk beetle (*Diorhabda* spp.), a biological control agent that feeds on invasive tamarisk. As the beetle moves through river corridors, it can reduce dense infestations, open space for native plants to return, and improve conditions for more diverse, functional riparian systems.

RiversEdge West leads this monitoring effort through its Annual Tamarisk Beetle Map, an interactive tool built from observations submitted by partners and community scientists across the region. By compiling and sharing this data, REW helps researchers and land managers better understand where the beetle is active and how it may influence restoration planning.

Like many restoration tools, biological control comes with both benefits and considerations. While beetle activity can accelerate tamarisk decline, it can also lead to rapid changes in vegetation cover that require active management and revegetation to guide recovery. Tracking where and when the beetle is present helps partners anticipate these shifts and respond in ways that support long-term ecosystem health.

The map also serves as a bridge between science and community, making these changes visible and accessible to a broader audience. In 2025, the Tamarisk Beetle Map received 2,245 views, reflecting continued interest in how biological control is shaping riparian landscapes across the Southwest.



CONFLUENCE CENTER

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Over the past year, something long imagined became real. What began as early sketches, then steel rising from a site that was once a junkyard and walls taking shape at the edge of the river corridor, has become our permanent home at the Confluence Center of Colorado.

Today, those early images sit alongside new ones: staff and partners gathered in shared spaces, community groups meeting down the hall, and solar panels quietly powering the work ahead.

In 2025, RiversEdge West moved into this space for the long term, joining a community of organizations working at the intersection of land, water, and people. Located at the junction of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers, the Confluence Center is more than an office. It's a hub for collaboration, bringing together conservation, education, and restoration under one roof.

For us, this move changes what's possible. A permanent home means deeper roots in the community and stronger partnerships with the people we work alongside every day. It creates space to convene land managers, train restoration crews, and host the conversations that lead to real change. It also places us closer to the landscapes we care for, where restoration is not just discussed, but visible just beyond our doors.

That work is already taking shape. With support from a newly awarded grant, we will begin restoration at Dos Rios in 2026, transforming the river corridor just outside our front door and demonstrating, in real time, what healthy riparian systems can look like.

From junkyard to construction site to community hub, the Confluence Center reflects something bigger than a building. It's a shared investment in the future of our rivers and a place where that future is being built, every day.



RiversEdge West staff tour the Confluence Center while under construction.



Aerial view of the Confluence Center and its rooftop solar array.



Students from the Center's STREAM preschool cutting the "ribbon" to officially open the building.

RESOURCE CENTER

EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH A LIVING RESOURCE

What began as a collection of documents has grown into a dynamic, online hub for restoration knowledge, shaped by the needs of practitioners working on the ground.

RiversEdge West's Resource Library continues to serve as a trusted source for information on riparian restoration, invasive species management, and key species such as the tamarisk beetle and southwestern willow flycatcher.

REW's online library includes planting guides, scientific research, field manuals, conference presentations, and other technical resources that directly support restoration work across the American West.

In 2025, engagement with the library increased by more than 57%, reflecting growing demand for accessible, science-based tools that support real-world decision-making. Land managers, researchers, and restoration practitioners continue to rely on it to inform planning and implementation.

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Ed and Barb Chamberlin
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"It was easy for us to consider a legacy gift to RiversEdge West. We're inspired by the real and lasting impact RiversEdge West has on our landscapes, our wildlife, our recreation, our agriculture, our rivers' health and protection, and the education of our youth. It is with gratitude and appreciation that we give a legacy gift to RiversEdge West to support its continued critical protection of the rivers of Western Colorado."

— River Legacy Members, Ed and Barb Chamberlin

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