

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 695

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make a grant to support research to develop enhanced methods for the long-term control and suppression of the invasive plant species tamarisk in the Colorado River watershed in western Colorado and eastern Utah.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS (for himself, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. BEAUPREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tamarisk Research  
5 and Control Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT FOR TAMARISK CONTROL RESEARCH AND**  
2 **RELATED EXTENSION AND EDUCATION EF-**  
3 **FORTS.**

4 (a) GRANT AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of Agri-  
5 culture, acting through the Cooperative State Research,  
6 Education, and Extension Service, shall make a grant to  
7 Mesa State College of Grand Junction, Colorado, to sup-  
8 port research and related extension and education efforts  
9 of the college to promote the long-term control and sup-  
10 pression of the invasive plant species tamarisk in the Colo-  
11 rado River watershed in western Colorado and eastern  
12 Utah.

13 (b) RESEARCH OBJECTIVES.—The principal purpose  
14 of the research to be conducted using the grant funds shall  
15 be the development of enhanced methods that can be used  
16 by individuals or organizations—

- 17 (1) for tamarisk control and suppression; and  
18 (2) for revegetation and long-term maintenance  
19 of lands reclaimed from tamarisk infestation.

20 (c) PLAN OF ACTION.—The grant recipient shall sub-  
21 mit to the Secretary a research proposal describing pos-  
22 sible actions to respond to tamarisk infestations and a  
23 plan to manage funding, public support, and other re-  
24 sources.

25 (d) INVENTORY OF TAMARISK INFESTATION.—Using  
26 a portion of the grant funds, the grant recipient shall con-

1 duct an inventory of tamarisk infestation in the Colorado  
2 River watershed in western Colorado and eastern Utah  
3 and consider the environmental impacts of long-term  
4 tamarisk control.

5 (e) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT.—The grant  
6 recipient shall contribute funds toward the research, ex-  
7 tension, and education efforts in an amount equal to the  
8 amount of the grant.

9 (f) TIME FOR MAKING GRANT.—The Secretary shall  
10 make the grant under this section within one year after  
11 the date on which funds are first made available to the  
12 Secretary to carry out this section.

13 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
14 authorized to be appropriated \$1,000,000 to carry out this  
15 section.

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