# Lower Duchesne Wetlands Project Questions & Answers

#### LAND MANAGEMENT & ACCESS

### Q: Will the Project create more weeds?

**A:** No. Under the Project, invasive plants such as Russian olive, pepperweed and tamarisk will be reduced.

- This reduction is a project objective aimed to improve wetland habitat.
- Noxious weed control will take place during all project phases, from reconstruction and construction through operation and maintenance.
- A detailed weed control plan is included as part of the LDWP Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS Appendix B).

#### Q: Will the project increase the burden on local government to control weeds?

**A:** No. The Ute Tribe will implement and manage the weed control plan with funding from the federal government.

## Q: How will the LDWP lands be managed, operated and maintained?

- A: Project lands will be managed by the Ute Tribe as a special use wetland wildlife natural resource area under the Proclamation of the Tribal Wildlife Advisory Board and Tribal Business Committee (see map on reverse side of page to view project boundaries).
  - The Tribe will be funded for operation and maintenance of the LDWP. Specific funding mechanisms will be detailed in Operating Agreements.
  - A detailed Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan that specifies management strategies, habitat developments and permitted public uses will also be developed.

#### Q: What will be included in the Management Plan?

**A:** The primary management objective will be to restore and maintain wildlife habitat. Public access will be allowed for uses related to wetland-wildlife resources.

- Recreational uses compatible with the overall wildlife habitat goals will be allowed, such as
  fishing, hunting, environmental education, pedestrian use, non-motorized use and wildlife
  observation.
- Prohibited uses include off-road motorized vehicle use.

# Q: How can I hunt and/or fish in the Project area?

- A: Hunting, fishing and non-consumptive recreation will require Tribal permits or Tribal permission for access.
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