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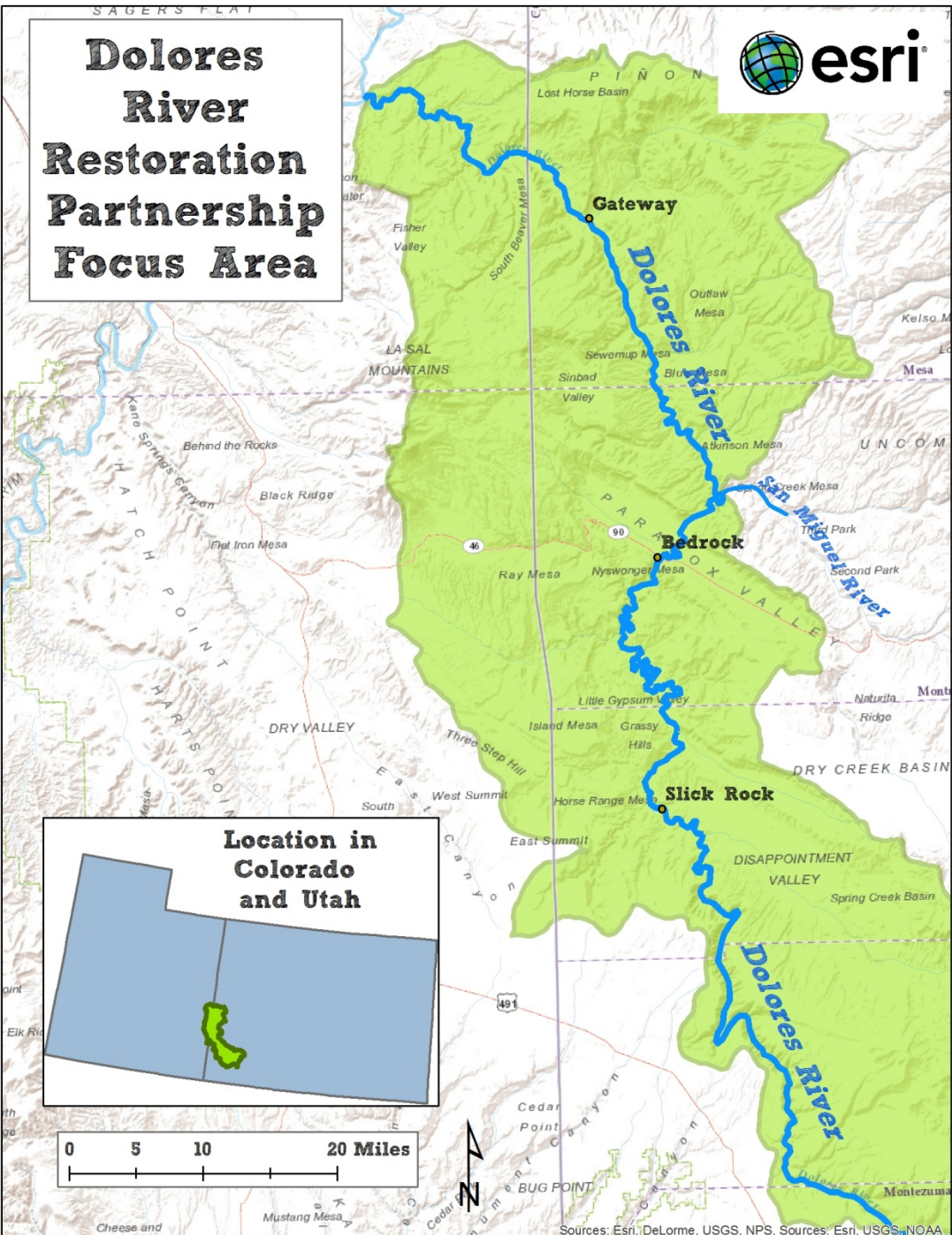
Empowering individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities and the environment.



A shared problem recognized in 2009:

- Along nearly 200 miles of the Dolores River, noxious weeds had displaced native plant communities, impaired wildlife habitat and forage, hindered recreational opportunities, and increased risks associated with wildfire.

Dolores River Restoration Partnership Focus Area



The project area includes:

- 2 states, 4 BLM field offices, 6 counties, and nearly 20 volunteering private landowners
- 175 miles of the Dolores River in Southwest CO & Southeast UT
- Several tributaries to the Dolores, including the San Miguel River & Disappointment Creek



4 Shared Partnership Goals

- **Ecological Goals:** enhanced plant communities
- **Social Goals:** youth, public safety, and aesthetics
- **Economic Goals:** employment, and local investments
- **Management Goals:** learning, sharing, and improving



Key Achievements to Date

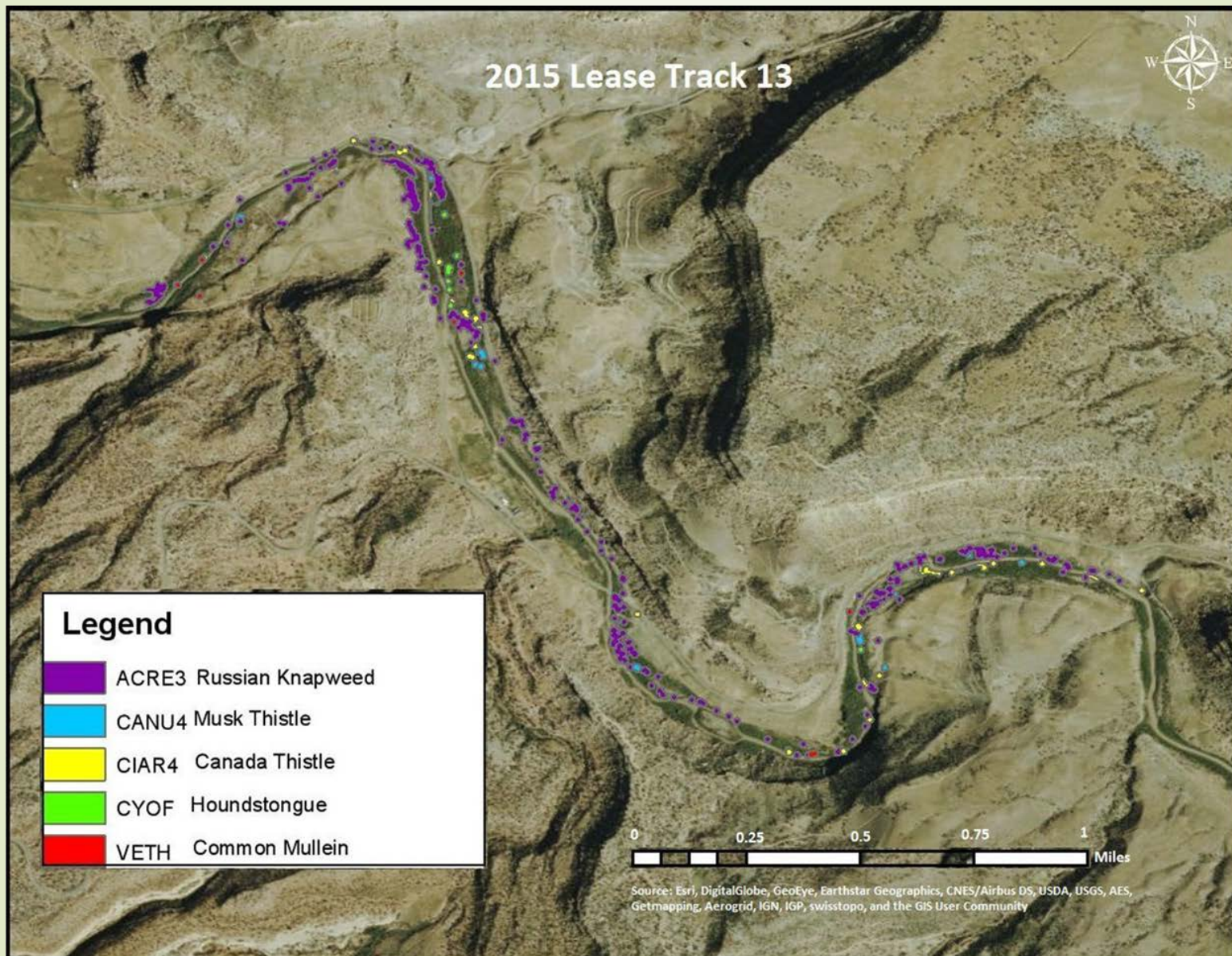
- Treated over 1,400 acres of tamarisk and over 1,700 acres of secondary weeds (e.g. Russian knapweed, white top, kochia) in the riparian corridor
- Conducted over 300 acres of planting and seeding of native flora
- Created 240 stewardship/employment opportunities through conservation corps and local contractors
- Garnered \$4.2 million to support restoration efforts, hire local contractors, empower youth, and invest in communities in the Dolores River basin

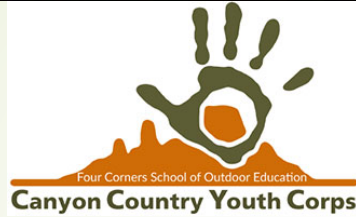


Southwest Water Conservation District Contributions

- \$25,000 in SWCD funding is utilized to support 2015-2016 “Strike Team” efforts in both Dolores and San Miguel Counties
- SWCD’s monies were matched by several other organizations in 2015 totaling \$62,100.00
- Monitored **400** acres across **87** treatment sites
- Treated **80** acres of tamarisk resprouts and **450** acres of secondary weeds
- Visited historic Photo-Point locations to inventory progress over the years

The information collected by the “Strike Team” directly informs DRRP of future management actions needed as well as current progress.





Dolores River Boating Advocates
doloresriverboating.org





2010 TRFO 62d



2015 TRFO 62d



2010 TRFO LDBB

A photograph of a rocky, vegetated hillside. The foreground and middle ground are covered in dense, green and yellowish vegetation, including grasses and shrubs. Several large, light-colored rocks are scattered across the slope. In the background, a stream flows through a valley, surrounded by more vegetation and rocky terrain. The overall scene is a natural, rugged landscape.

2015 TRFO LDBB

Closing and Questions

- Thank you Southwest Water Conservation District!
- Are there any questions?

