

Escalante River Watershed Partnership 2013 List of Annual Accomplishments

- On behalf of BLM State Director Juan Palma, Kristina Waggoner and Amber Hughes were given an award naming them as Youth Program Superstars for their work with Conservation Corps on the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Dixie National Forest and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.
- Dr. John Spence received the NPS National Award from Director Jarvis in the category of “Natural Resource Stewardship and Science” for his role in helping to create and to support the ERWP.
- ERWP was selected by DOI Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar for a second year as one of America’s Great Outdoors Rivers. A plaque was awarded to the partnership.

Science and Research

- Water temperature data was collected on 8 waterbodies (7 streams and 1 lake) in the headwaters and discharge data was collected using deployable loggers on two streams.
- Continuous temperature monitoring at 11 sites in the watershed.
- Amphibian surveys at 13 sites in the watershed.

Native Fish and Forests

- Garfield County completed the Hall Creek culvert replacement, resurfacing and drainage improvements along 10 miles of road and improvement of a low water crossing on Hall Creek.
- The Hall Creek culvert, combined with two other fish passage projects completed in the watershed, reconnected two remnant Colorado River cutthroat trout populations and 8.4 miles of fish-bearing stream.
- Riparian conifer removal completed on 64 acres along more than 9 miles of stream resulted in reduced risk of catastrophic fire and increased riparian vegetation and ground cover.
- Qualitative and quantitative fish sampling at 19 sites in the watershed.

Woody Invasive Control and Restoration Activities

Public Lands:

- Total acres primary treatment – 492
- Total acres retreated – 790
- Total acres monitored - 295

Private Lands:

- Total acres primary treatment – 185
- Total acres retreated – 435
- Total acres monitored – 69

Long-term monitoring

- Six long-term sites (60 transects) have been established and are being monitored throughout the watershed.