

# Canadian River - Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)



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The Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) is a voluntary conservation initiative that enables the use of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to provide financial and technical assistance to eligible owners and operators of agricultural lands during fiscal years 2009 – 2013.

The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) entered into a partnership agreement to implement invasive species control along the Canadian River below Lake Meredith in Hutchinson, Roberts, and Hemphill counties. This agreement offers financial assistance to eligible producers in a large scale coordinated effort to control salt cedar, Russian olive, and eastern red cedar. The highest priority areas will be salt cedar infested side tributaries, and the river bottom beginning in Hutchinson County.

## Program Description

Partners will provide technical assistance, financial assistance, and matching funds to target these invasive species. The NRCS will offer funding assistance through EQIP at approximately 70-75%. TPWD and NWTF will provide additional funding up to approximately 15-20%. This assistance will help reduce landowner cost to approximately 10%.

### Eligible Practices – financial assistance

#### Salt cedar

1. Aerial application with approved herbicides
2. Individual plant treatment (IPT) with approved herbicides

#### Russian olive

1. Mechanical grubbing
2. Cut stump and approved chemical

#### Eastern red cedar

1. Mechanical grubbing
2. Mechanical/hand cutting

### Additional Practices – financial assistance

1. Follow-up treatment and/or maintenance

2. Prescribed fire
3. Riparian fencing
4. Livestock/wildlife water development
5. Prescribed grazing incentives
6. Cottonwood and other riparian woody plant establishment

## How to Apply

Contact your local NRCS office:

Hutchinson County – 806-878-2241, ext. 3

Roberts County – 806-868-3531, ext. 3

Hemphill County – 806-323-6752, ext. 3

Contact NWTF in Amarillo at 806-367-5711.

Contact TPWD District 2 in Pampa at 806-665-3494.



Salt cedar (*Tamarix ramosissima*)



Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)



Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*)