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Salt Cedar Controlled Burn a Success

Last week the Hanford fire, biology and maintenance crews successfully conducted a prescribed burn on the large area (approx 400 acre) of invasive Salt Cedar on the Wahluke Unit of the Hanford Reach National Monument. The goal of this burn was to remove the "standing dead" material that had resulted from several aerial herbicide treatments, so that the remaining live trees that continue to sprout from the base could be uncovered for a later treatment this fall or next spring. Treatment will occur when the now burned trees re-sprout - hopefully with vigorous new growth that will translocate the herbicide into the roots. We also have been approved for using Arsenal for this project - which is great news as we have only used Rodeo in the past. We expect better control with Arsenal. This burn had been planned for a long while, and it was a great feeling of accomplishment to get it done.

