

## Pilot Diesel Spill

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**Case History:** On December 7, 2000, a tanker truck owned and operated by Pilot Corporation (Pilot) lost control and discharged roughly 6,000 gallons of No.2 diesel fuel onto Arizona State Highway 95. The resulting discharge contaminated adjacent soils 300 feet from the Bill Williams River, in Mohave County. The spill occurred on the [Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge](#) (Refuge). Cleanup actions at the spill site caused direct injuries to the natural resources managed by the Refuge, including soil, native vegetation, and migratory/resident bird nesting and foraging habitats.

**Responsible Party:** Pilot Corporation

**Trustees:**

Department of Interior – Fish and Wildlife Service [DOI-FWS](#)

**Current Status:** The DOI agreed to a monetary settlement of \$145,000 in December 2003. A draft restoration plan has been prepared to compensate for the potential losses of soils and native vegetation and migratory birds on the Refuge. The restoration plan proposes to re-vegetate approximately 55 acres of abandoned and weed infested agricultural crop field at the Kohen Ranch, located on the Refuge. Upon completion of the final restoration plan, funds will be used for re-vegetation activities and monitoring of the completed project.



Overview of a mixed-age stand of the Mixed Riparian Woodlands on the Refuge near the Pilot spill site.

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