



Community Outreach

Buffelgrass Pulling Project December 13, 2008

The Town of Marana has identified an area of thick Buffelgrass within Town limits along the Santa Cruz River. The river is an area where this rapidly spreading species can easily seed upstream and downstream.

Buffelgrass is an invasive species that was introduced from Africa in the 1930s as a forage grass. The dense growth supports hot fires that can kill saguaros and key plants of the Sonoran Desert, as well as threaten homes and businesses. Unfortunately, this weed grows and spreads even more rapidly after a fire. It has no natural enemies in the Sonoran Desert; it spreads aggressively and displaces native plants by out-competing them for water, nutrients, and space. Animals that depend on native plant species are also threatened by the spread of this species.

So please join the Marana effort to remove Buffelgrass on December 13 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Trash bags, safety vests and digging bars will be supplied by the Town. Meet at the end of Twin Peaks Road on the west side of the Santa Cruz River.

To sign up, please contact Janine Spencer, jspencer@marana.com, Rebecca Kunsberg, rkunsberg@marana.com, or call 382-2600. We hope to see you there.