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Last Big Tamarisk Falls

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Walt Matell of Bridgeport and Greg Reis of Lee Vining pose proudly before their "big game" - a tamarisk tree removed from the banks of Rush Creek during a recent volunteer tamarisk-removal day sponsored by the Mono Lake Committee. Tamarisk, also known as salt cedar, invades streambanks and floodplains, outcompeting native plants. The tree shown in the picture is believed to be the last large tamarisk on Rush Creek after three seasons of volunteer eradication efforts. Future efforts will be directed at the many small seedlings that still remain along the restoring stream.

The tool Greg is holding is a "weed wrench" on loan to the Mono Lake Committee from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.



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