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@Eco-minded: I agree with you about the Globe Willows. Not only do they suck up an tremendous amount of water, they don't last long in our soil. My 15 year old tree is on its last legs. I have learned my lesson, don't ever plant a globe willow around here!

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Planting trees is good for Kingman. Just hope they didn't plant a Globe Willow which takes an inordinate amount of water in the desert. Here are some Earth Day Predictions from 1970: "We have about five more years at the outside to do something." • Kenneth Watt, ecologist "Civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind." • George Wald, Harvard Biologist "By... [1975] some experts feel that food shortages will have escalated the present level of world hunger and starvation into famines of unbelievable proportions. Other experts, more optimistic, think the ultimate food-population collision will not occur until the decade of the 1980s." • Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University biologist "It is already too late to avoid mass starvation," • Denis Hayes, chief organizer for Earth Day "Scientists have solid experimental and theoretical evidence to support...the following predictions: In a decade, urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks to survive air pollution...by 1985 air pollution will have reduced the amount of sunlight reaching earth by one half..." • Life Magazine, January 1970 "Air pollution...is certainly going to take hundreds of thousands of lives in the next few years alone." • Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University biologist "By the year 2000, if present trends continue, we will be using up crude oil at such a rate...that there won't be any more crude oil. You'll drive up to the pump and say, 'Fill 'er up, buddy,' and he'll say, 'I am very sorry, there isn't any.'" • Kenneth Watt, Ecologist "Dr. S. Dillon Ripley, secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, believes that in 25 years, somewhere between 75 and 80 percent of all the species of living animals will be extinct." • Sen. Gaylord Nelson "The world has been chilling sharply for about twenty years. If present trends continue, the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but eleven degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age." • Kenneth Watt, Ecologist