

Lower Weiser River CWMA 2014 End of Year Report



***The Weiser River Corridor Purge the Spurge
Leafy Spurge Targeted Grazing Project
Nannies grazing below the high water mark along the
Weiser River. The environmental impact of the animals is
minimal in addition to being extremely cost effective.***

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WELCOME TO THE LOWER WEISER RIVER CWMA

The Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area is a grass roots organization dedicated to the noxious weed war. The strategy of this weed management area is to increase and foster cooperation among private landowners, local, state and federal agencies as well as others who have an interest regarding the impact the spread of noxious weeds is having on our land. We continue to strive to educate all age groups of the importance of noxious weed identification, prevention, eradication, and control options of all types. We realize the importance of using all the tools in the toolbox and make every effort to improve the way in which we battle these silent invaders.

Our CWMA encompasses 932,000+ acres in Washington County. The foremost weed problems include leafy spurge, scotch thistle and rush skeletonweed. Large scale efforts are being made each year to contain/control these species. New invaders threatening our area include yellow starthistle, common Crupina, Dalmatian/yellow toadflax, and three varieties of knapweed. Revegetation has become a priority in numerous areas with private landowners seeding areas of their own volition after the neighborhood effort is complete. CWMA on the ground projects are "Neighborhood Projects" with a landowner/manager acting as the Project Coordinator who organizes all resources including personnel, meals and equipment and other resources needed to complete a project. An application process (advertised in local papers) takes place late summer/early fall ensuring all landowners have the opportunity to apply for assistance in their area. Board members volunteer their time to sift and score the projects at which time they are prioritized in the order funds will be applied for through the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Cost Share Grant.

Harmon Horton serves as Chairman of the Weed Advisory Board (steering committee) with Bonnie Davis, County Weed Superintendent serving as the appointed Recording Secretary/Grant Administrator. The Weed Advisory Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Weed Department at which time they review/approve all claims related to CWMA activities in addition to conducting regular monthly business. If it were not for the dedication of these individuals and without the support of our County Commissioners none of this would be feasible.

PROJECT SUMMARY of ACRES

CATEGORY	WEED SPECIES	ACRES TREATED	ACRES COVERED	(OTHER)
Treated	Canada Thistle	80.33	256.65	
	Common Crupina	14.84	200.0	
	Dalmatian Toadflax	.50	.75	
	Field Bindweed	7.25	15.25	
	Hounds Tongue	20.50	101.25	
	Jointed Goatgrass	4.25	8.75	
	Leafy Spurge	420.14	1778.86	
	Perennial Pepperweed	10.65	14.25	
	Poison Hemlock	85.94	177.59	
	Puncturevine	29.53	50.43	
	Purple Loosestrife	5.0	5.0	
	Rush Skeletonweed	431.47	1783.55	
	Scotch Thistle	465.48	1579.62	

CATEGORY	WEED SPECIES	ACRES TREATED	ACRES COVERED	(OTHER)
	Spotted Knapweed	4.5	78.0	
	White Top	124.75	228.45	
	Yellow Flag Iris	.50	.50	
	Yellow Starthistle	.25	.25	
Total herbicide treated acres		1705.88	6279.15	
Biological				
	Diffuse Knapweed	20.0	20.0	
	Leafy Spurge	190.0	190.0	
	Spotted Knapweed	20.0	20.0	
	Yellow Starthistle	100.0	100.0	
Total treated bio		330.0	330.0	
Total Revegetation	Scotch Thistle			94.66
Weiser River Corr. Leafy Spurge Total goat graze				Total grazed 5409 covered 10950
GPS/GIS MAPPING				MAPPED ACRES
	Bohemian Knotweed			.086
	Canada Thistle			17.67
	Common Crupina			14.84
	Diffuse Knapweed			20.01
	Field Bindweed			.32
	Hounds Tongue			4.76
	Jointed Goatgrass			4.68
	Leafy Spurge			443.50
	Perennial Pepperweed			.11
	Poison Hemlock			4.77
	Puncturevine			.95
	Purple Loosestrife			.77
	Rush Skeletonweed			652.07
	Scotch Thistle			111.30
	Spotted Knapweed			21.36
	White Top			101.54
	Yellow Toadflax			.001
	Yellow Starthistle			100.25
Total mapped acres (all species)				1498.99
Public Contacts	(includes 1 highway sign for one day)			205,554

HERBICIDE PURCHASES FOR 2014

Chemical/Description	Quantity	Purpose
Surfactants	38.72 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
2-4D's	137.54 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
Glyphosates	3.25 gal.	Priorities 1, 2 jointed goatgrass
Dicamba's	12.27 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
Bullseye spray indicator	111.28 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
Escort XP	141.82 oz.	Priorities 1, 2
Foam Preventer	24.48 qts.	Priorities 1, 2
Milestone	5.76 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
Picloram	85.02 gal.	Priorities 1, 2
Telar XP	131.57 oz.	Priorities 1, 2
Range Star	6.38 gal.	Priorities 1, 2

Common Name	Scientific Name	Gross Acres	Percent of Gross Acres Infested	Average Density (%)
1. Black Henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>	0	0%	0%
2. Bohemian Knotweed	<i>Polygonum bohemicum</i>	20	6%	25%
3. Brazilian Elodea	<i>Egeria densa P.</i>	0	0%	0%
4. Buffalobur	<i>Solanum rostratum</i>	0	0%	0%
5. Canada Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	11,500	20%	10%
6. Common Crupina	<i>Crupina vulgaris</i>	100	40%	40%
7. Common Reed (Phragmites)	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	0	0%	0%
8. Common /European Frogbit	<i>Hydrcharis morsus-ranae</i>	0	0%	0%
9. Curlyleafy Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>	0	0%	0%
10. Dalmatian Toadflax	<i>Linaria genistifolia ssp. dalmatica</i>	50	20%	20%
11. Diffuse Knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>	1,800	25%	30%
12. Dyer's Woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>	10	1%	10%
13. Eurasian Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>	100	5%	20%
14. Fanwort	<i>Cobomba caroliniana</i>	0	0%	0%
15. Feathered Mosquito Fern	<i>Azolla pinnata</i>	0	0%	0%
16. Field Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	57,200	20%	10%
17. Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>	0	0%	0%
18. Giant Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>	0	0%	0%
19. Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>	0	0%	0%
20. Giant Knotweed	<i>Polygonum sachalinense</i>	0	0%	0%
21. Hoary Alyssum	<i>Berteroa incana</i>	0	0%	0%
22. Houndstongue	<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>	31,500	10%	13%
23. Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>	0	0%	0%
24. Japanese Knotweed	<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>	0	0%	0%
25. Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>	20	5%	20%
26. Jointed Goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>	74,000	45%	38%
27. Leafy Spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	66,500	40%	35%
28. Matgrass	<i>Nardus stricta</i>	0	0%	0%

Common Name	Scientific Name	Gross Acres	Percent of Gross Acres Infested	Average Density (%)
29. Meadow Knapweed	<i>Centaurea pratensis</i>	0	0%	0%
30. Mediterranean Sage	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>	0	0%	0%
31. Milium	<i>Milium vernale</i>	0	0%	0%
32. Musk Thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>	0	0%	0%
33. Orange Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	0	0%	0%
34. Oxeye Daisy	<i>Chrysanthemum leucanthemum</i>	2,300	20%	18%
35. Parrotfeather Milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>	0	0%	0%
36. Perennial Pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	13,750	20%	18%
37. Perennial Sowthistle	<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>	0	0%	0%
38. Plumeless Thistle	<i>Carduus acanthoides</i>	0	0%	0%
39. Poison Hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>	10,500	30%	20%
40. Policeman's Helmet	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>	0	0%	0%
41. Puncturevine	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	14,750	19%	5%
42. Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	500	20%	25%
43. Rush Skeletonweed	<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	72,000	38%	45%
44. Russian Knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repens</i>	250	30%	30%
45. Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix</i>	10	15%	5%
46. Scotch Broom	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>	0	0%	0%
47. Scotch Thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>	65,000	20%	23%
48. Small Bugloss	<i>Anchusa arvensis</i>	0	0%	0%
49. Spotted Knapweed	<i>Centaurea maculosa</i>	500	23%	25%
50. Squarrose Knapweed	<i>Centaurea squarrosa</i>	0	0%	0%
51. Syrian Beancaper	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>	0	0%	0%
52. Tall Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium piloselloides</i>	0	0%	0%
53. Tansy Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	0	0%	0%
54. Variable-Leaf Milfoil	<i>Myriophyllum</i>	0	0%	0%
55. Vipers Bugloss	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	0	0%	0%
56. Water Chestnut	<i>Echium vulgare</i>	0	0%	0%
57. White Bryony	<i>Bryonia alba</i>	0	0%	0%
58. Whitetop	<i>Cardaria draba</i>	16,500	35%	28%
59. Yellow Devil Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium glomeratum</i>	0	0%	0%
60. Yellow Flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudocorus</i>	0	0%	0%
61. Yellow Floating Heart	<i>Nymphoides pelata</i>	0	0%	0%
62. Yellow Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>	0	0%	0%
63. Yellow Starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	350	20%	12%
64. Yellow Toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>	10	3%	2%

LOOKING BACK AT 2014

PRIORITY #1, PHASE I PROJECTS

May and September brought private landowners and volunteers in the small community of Midvale together to concentrate their efforts on small pastures and wasteland areas located in and around town. Cooperators included several city council members, private landowners and volunteers. Leafy spurge and rush skeletonweed and Canada thistle were targeted on the fall spray day with a total of 128 acres treated and 291 inspected. Weed identification was covered extensively as

well as why we use the products we do. The Salubria group is made up of private and BLM lands entered their third project year treating numerous areas from Highway 95 south to the Little Weiser River. They spent one day in May with a follow up day late September treating scotch and Canada thistle, rush skeletonweed, leafy spurge, white top, and poison hemlock. They cooperatively treated 142 acres and inspected 585 acres. They look forward to next year and seeing the effects of the past two year's treatments. The C.W. Project returned with private landowners treating white top, poison hemlock, perennial pepperweed and leafy spurge which is a new invader to this drainage. They hosted one spray day with 16 people using ATV's and tractor sprayers to perform the work. This group graduates to Phase II in 2015. Mann Creek Valley and Thousand Springs are both second year projects concentrating on the north and south end of the Mann Creek drainage. Thousand Springs is a small private group that is adjacent to the Phase II Mann Creek Cemetery project with the neighbors treating thistles, poison hemlock and rush skeletonweed. In 2014 a site new site of purple loosestrife was found and treated. The Mann Creek Valley group is a larger private project taking in hundreds of acres with 14 landowners and volunteers working side by side. Most of this treatment area requires handspraying with over 217 acres treated on the two project days. Hounds tongue, poison hemlock, scotch thistle and white top are troublesome to this drainage but leafy spurge is showing up calling for containment and eradication. In addition nearly 95 acres previously infested with thistle was farmed and planted to oats and pasture grass in 2014. Thousand Springs and Mann Creek Valley look forward to returning in 2015 as Phase I projects and are anxiously waiting for future spray days. ATV's and tractor sprayers are the equipment of choice with backpack sprayers used for isolated smaller weed sites.

PRIORITY #2 PHASE II PROJECTS

The Advent Gulch and Dixie Creek neighborhood projects treated 250 acres while covering over 1472 acres in the rugged country southwest of Cuddy Mountain and the rolling hills southeast of Cambridge. Target species included jointed goatgrass, leafy spurge, rush skeletonweed, scotch thistle, white top and various other noxious species. Private landowners, BLM, and the USFS assisted with these on the ground efforts. Biological releases were also done in the Advent Gulch drainage to stop the spread of leafy spurge and spotted and diffuse knapweed. Ranchers made many of the releases, reported their data and mapped their release sites. We appreciate the landowner's dedication to weed control. The Advent Gulch group graduates to Phase III in 2015 and Dixie Creek cooperators did not get their paperwork submitted for 2015. The Valley View group brought together seven private landowners in a project area over 2,000 acres in size that lies south of the Little Weiser River adjacent to the Adams County line. Leafy spurge, rush skeletonweed, scotch thistle, white top and jointed goatgrass were targeted across the rangeland pastures and waste areas adjacent to the river. Two-days of field work with 143 acres were treated most of which was hand-gun work. They are excited to be working together again for the good of this area. The Mann Creek Cemetery cooperators though small in numbers returned in 2014 and treated scotch/Canada thistle, poison hemlock and

skeletonweed. These are ambitious groups turning out with backpacks, ATV and tractor sprayers to clean up their neighborhoods.

PRIORITY #3 –TARGETED GRAZING PROJECT WEISER RIVER CORRIDOR-PURGE THE SPURGE

The nannies began arriving early May with herds being unloaded in the Weiser area on both sides of the river and two-Midvale groups. The purpose of this intensive grazing program is to reduce seed production while stressing leafy spurge plants ultimately reducing the dense stands which infect the banks of the Weiser River and adjacent drainages. 27 private landowners, BLM, Idaho Dept. of Lands, Idaho Dept. of Transportation, Idaho Power, Washington County Weed and the Idaho State Department of Agriculture contributed to this effort. Bonnie Davis, Weed Superintendent serves as the project coordinator dealing with the contractor, herders and landowners. Private landowners continue to pledge their support to this project providing bedding grounds, assisting with communication and other in-kind resources as needed. The nannies ate their way through 5,409 acres of spurge in just one pass with select areas grazed twice. We estimate the girls covered 10,950 acres this past summer. The areas that were not grazed this past season are for the most part accessible to spray with smaller plant concentrations. The project objective is to reduce seed production by 90% and through close monitoring that was achieved. Biological agents are not quite as successful as we had hoped for. The insect numbers seem to be declining for no reason other than environmental conditions such as weather. Cooperators are excited to continue with this long term project. Our thanks to all who have and continue to support this alternative weed control program.

PRIORITY #4 NEW INVADERS

New invaders to our CWMA include yellow starthistle, knapweeds, knotweeds and common crupina. Lonnie Huter, BLM and his crew continue to treat an isolated common crupina site in the southeast portion of the CWMA. Lonnie continues to communicate closely with the CWMA about this site. Plants are growing near and beneath sage brush which makes treatment very labor intensive. The infestation is much larger than originally thought and extensive survey work will continue by the BLM. CWMA cooperators may assist the BLM in the future with the continued treatment and monitoring of this new invader. We will continue to treat all new invaders to our CWMA.

PRIORITY #5 BIOLOGICAL

In 2014 cooperators released *Cyphocleonus Achates* in the Advent Gulch drainage for the control of spotted and diffuse knapweed. These bio agents are becoming established as numerous insects were found on plants during monitoring. Yellow starthistle insects were provided to a local rancher for a large infestation of yellow star on the southeast end of our CWMA a couple years ago. Herbicide treatments continue but a great deal of this area is not accessible. Monitoring will continue of

this site. We are striving to establish leafy spurge insectaries throughout our CWMA and released in several locations along the Weiser River below the grazing project boundaries. These sites will be monitored for insect presence next season. The jointed goatgrass bacteria work continues with Ann Kennedy, Research Soil Scientist at Washington State University who provides bacteria to the CWMA for the control of goatgrass. Due to an unexpected early snow fall followed by below zero temperatures product was not applied this fall. This product inhibits specific annual grasses including jointed goatgrass. Monitoring is being done by Tom Yankey, CWMA board member, Rusty Norrie, NRCS and Ms. Kennedy and her students. Biological control is a vital tool in our weed arsenal.

PRIORITY #6 EDUCATION

March kicked off our annual poster contest for youth 4-6th grades. This educational program was introduced to classrooms countywide. The 2014 theme was “Leave the Seeds with the Weeds”. Winners were invited to our June CWMA meeting receiving cash prizes and Washington County Weed Warrior t-shirts all provided by Washington County. The Weed Warrior Newsletter was produced quarterly with printing provided as an in-kind service by Idaho Power. The 14th annual CWMA sponsored weed tour was held mid-June and had a diverse group of over 100 participants including local teachers who attended a 2-day workshop taught by Dr. Tim Prather, University of Idaho. The fair booth always draws a crowd of all ages. Activities such as this have helped to gain the trust of landowners throughout our area.

PRIORITY #7 PHASE III NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

Six years ago our Weed Board and Sifting Committee dealt with the issue of projects supporting themselves after weeds are brought to a manageable level. This was done through a program of phases. Phase I projects are eligible for three years of cost share funding and are encouraged to contribute additional herbicide dollars but is not mandatory. Phase II (projects have completed three years of Phase I) are eligible for three additional years of funding but take responsibility for 50% of the herbicide cost. When projects reach Phase III they are responsible for 100% of the herbicide cost and are eligible for one project day per year. Project coordinators requested the board allow two days for this Phase and the board agreed. This has been a success for everyone involved and makes room for new projects to join the weed battle. This past season we assisted the Middle Valley Waterways group with landowners fighting leafy spurge, jointed goatgrass, rush skeletonweed and scotch thistle. The Lower Pine group treated their neighborhood late May and again mid-October and Up the Creek group opted for early June and late October. Dutch Flat cooperators gathered late September with a large group of ATV and tractor sprayers to seek out skeletonweed. These folks are dedicated and want to protect their investment demonstrating their commitment to the CWMA. The success of these projects is proof that our phase system is working and the dedication of these landowners carries on regardless of funding mechanisms.

2014 PHOTOS OF OUR CWMA ACTIVITIES

CWMA activities are too many to show for each project/or activity. Below are a few of the past events.



To the left Jerry Lunsford, weed board member and project Volunteer treats scattered scotch thistle on an old logging road during the Lower Pine project.

To the right is Ross Capurro spot treating hounds tongue, scotch thistle and poison hemlock at the Mann Creek Valley Project located northeast of Weiser.



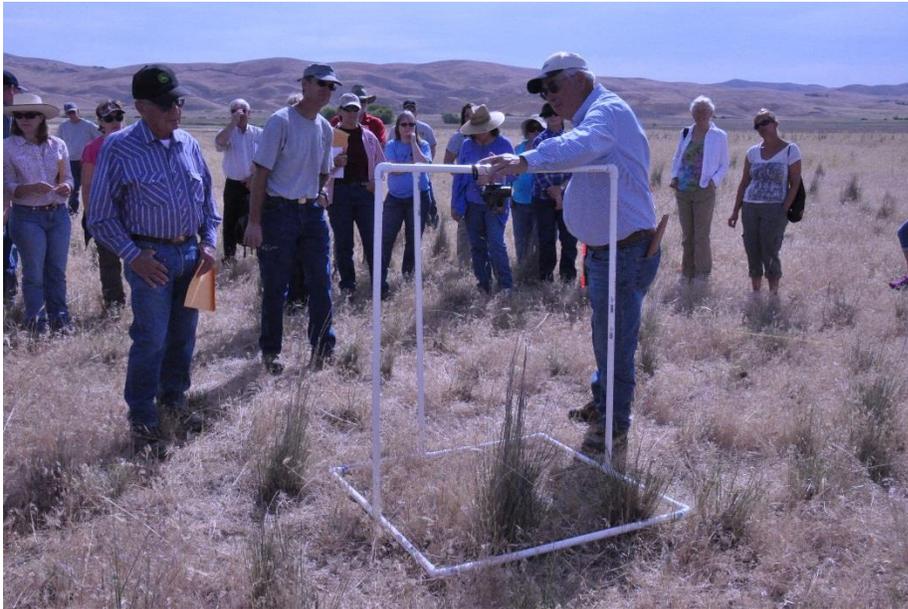
Each summer weed advisory board members and the weed superintendent do on site reviews. They visit three neighborhood projects where they meet with the project coordinator and discuss what went right and what went wrong. The board is constantly looking for ways to improve this program.

The photo on the right shows a site treated during the C.W. Project in early May. White top, poison hemlock, perennial pepperweed and scotch thistle are the prime targets for treatment. This project is all private land located south of Mann Creek Reservoir. 2014 marked the completion of their final year in Phase I and they look forward to graduating to Phase II in 2015.



CWMA Activities continued

Education Efforts



Tom Yankey, Weed Advisory Board member demonstrates for weed tour attendees how the bacteria plots are monitored throughout the season. Note the camera on the frame for taking photographs. All data is sent to Washington State University so they are able to measure the success of the program. This was a hands on activity for those wishing to see what the camera shows close up.

The 2014 Weed Tour was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance.

Tim Wrightman, former Chicago Bears tight end shares how he has rehabilitated this ranch into a private pheasant hunting ranch known as Lazy Bear Ranch. He talked about how the flooding along the Weiser River impacts the weed populations such as leafy spurge, poison hemlock, scotch thistle and rodents. A tour was given via wagons pulled by tractors supplied by the Hickey Brothers.



Tom Woolf, ISDA Aquatic Weed Specialist took a plunge in Wrightman's private pond to see what he could dredge up. He explained to the group if plants were native or noxious/invasive. Our thanks to Tom for traveling to Weiser to do this presentation for our CWMA. It was a huge hit and he took time to answer questions after the tour for those who had aquatic questions. Thank you Tom for literally taking the plunge for our CWMA!

Financial & In Kind Contributions to CWMA

Amount Contributed	Contribution Category	Cooperator
35906	Federal Govt.	Bureau of Land Management
4955	Federal Govt.	United States Forest Service
120	Federal Govt.	NRCS
216	Federal Govt.	Farm Service Agency
143572	Landowner/Private	Private landowners
1952	Non-Federal Govt.	Idaho Dept. Fish and Game
2403	Non-Federal Govt.	Idaho Dept. Lands
500	Non-Federal Govt.	Idaho Dept. Transportation
2097	Non-Federal Govt.	City of Midvale
103591	Non-Federal Govt.	Wash. County Weed Control
5432	Non-Federal Govt.	Wash. County other departments
4846	Other	Idaho Power
1567	Other	Friends of the Weiser River Trail
2753	Other	Middle Valley Ditch Company
1126	Other	Prescriptive Livestock Services
319	Other	Idaho Rangeland Resource Commiss.
432	Other	Wild Turkey Weed Control
319	Other	Hillcrest Cemetery
703	Other	University of Idaho
648	Other	West Central Highlands RC&D
\$313,457	Grand Total	

LOOKING INTO MY CRYSTAL BALL FOR 2015

Control and containment projects will include over 200 private landowners, BLM, Forest Service, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Transportation, Idaho Power, Friends of the Weiser River Trail, and the weed department who will join forces to blur boundaries and work cooperatively for the good of the CWMA. 13 neighborhood projects will focus on knapweeds, yellow starthistle, jointed goatgrass, rush skeletonweed, leafy spurge, poison hemlock, perennial pepperweed, scotch thistle and white top. Projects will begin early May and continue through late October/early November depending on weather and available resources. Cooperators mean to reduce weed presence in heavily infected areas by 75-90%. Many of these areas are critical to livestock grazing and are heavily used for recreation. 30+ days are planned in the field working side by side with private landowners and volunteers that feel passionate about controlling weeds.

The goats will return to graze leafy spurge on the banks of the Weiser River. This long term project will include biological releases, herbicide treatments and other seeding efforts. Group work days may be scheduled and Friends of the Weiser River Trail will continue to do extensive weed treatments throughout the growing season. We will continue working with Joe Milan, Lonnie Huter and private landowners to distribute insects throughout the corridor area. In order to maintain the current level of control one pass grazing each year will be necessary to hold the line on spurge.

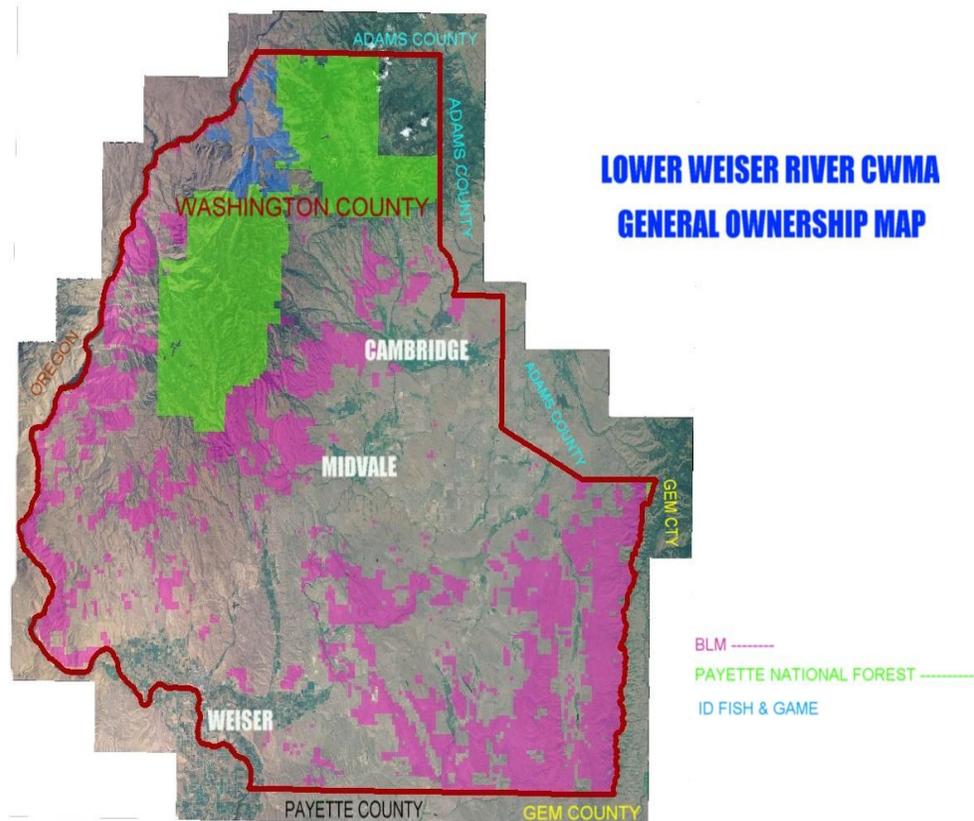
New Invaders will continue to be an important part of our weed program. Dedicated weed warriors will continue to monitor previously infected sites and are prepared to respond quickly using all the necessary tools if/when any new outbreaks rarely are reported.

Biological control will target Canada thistle, purple loosestrife, spotted and diffuse knapweed as well as leafy spurge. We will continue to work with the Nez Perce Bio Control Center and Joey Milan, BLM/ISDA Biological Control Specialist. Biological control within our CWMA is showing promising results and we wish to continue with this environmentally sound treatment method.

Education will continue with the expansion of our CWMA website to include more project information as well as information about weeds in our area. The poster contest will be held with winning posters from local youth featured in the 2016 noxious weed calendar. Quarterly newsletters will remain an important educational tool with CWMA members writing articles and Idaho Power publishing this document. The county fair booth will continue in an effort to depict the county theme as well as keeping visitors to the booth engaged in what's happening in the weed world.

Cooperators are already preparing for the coming years activities and look forward to continuing the war against weeds through the spirit of cooperation and grass roots neighborhood projects.

Map of Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area



APPENDICES: PRESS RELEASES/NEWS CLIPPINGS, MEDIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

No.
PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF CONTRACT

In accordance with Idaho Code 67-2808 the public is hereby notified that the Washington County Commissioners intend to enter into a contract with Ray Holes, DBA, Prescriptive Livestock Services, P.O. Box 177, Grangeville, Idaho 83530 to provide one thousand two hundred (1,200) head of nanny goats with kids or an equivalent volume of yearling animals for a period of thirty to one hundred ninety days for the purpose of grazing Leafy Spurge, a noxious weed along the Weiser River corridor in Washington County, Idaho.

Idaho Code 67-2808 provides that contemplated expenditures in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) must be bid unless the County Commissioners determine that there is only one source reasonably available to fulfill the contract requirements. The County Commissioners have so determined and any person or persons who have knowledge of other sources reasonably available to fulfill the County contractual needs should notify the County Commissioners at the Washington County Courthouse, 256 East Court, Weiser, Idaho, within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice or the contract will be awarded to Prescriptive Livestock Services. The contract awarded will be for a sum of money between twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000), the exact amount not known, but in any case not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). The exact terms of the contract may be examined at the office of the Washington County Clerk or the Washington County Weed Department.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED this 13th day of January, 2014.

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RICK MICHAEL, CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:
Betsy J. Thomas, Clerk

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The article above is the public notice announcing the 2014 notice of contract for the goat grazing of leafy spurge along the banks of the Weiser River. The county commissioners enter into this legal agreement to secure the contractor for the coming weed season. The county commissioners and weed board continue to be extremely supportive of this project.

Weed Department to host tour

The Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area in conjunction with Washington County Weed Control is hosting the 14th Annual County Noxious Weed Tour on Thursday, June 12. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the program beginning at 8 a.m. at the Weed Department, located at 1118 E. Court Street, Weiser, Idaho.

The 2014 tour will feature such topics as results of bacteria for jointed goatgrass control, establishing and sustaining rangeland grasses, while controlling noxious weeds, a visit to a Neighborhood CWMA Project

and why neighbors controlling their noxious weeds is a cooperative effort. Talks, creative wildlife habitat, and identification of aquatic noxious weeds in wetland locations.

The tour will coincide with Idaho pesticide certification credits offered to licensed applicators. Transportation and lunch is provided at no charge. Complimentary of the Lower Weiser River CWMA.

Spent a day with us and learn about what is happening in Washington County regarding noxious weed control. Please RSVP by calling the Weed Department at 414-6195.

Don't forget poster contest entry

This year's theme: *'Leave the Seeds with the Weeds'*
by Rance Schwabfelder

If you have a young artist in your midst, don't let them miss the chance to enter our CWMA poster contest this spring. There are prizes to be had, and the chance to have their artful efforts showcased in next year's 2015 weed calendar.

Art materials and rules were given to all the schools earlier this year in an effort to accommodate busy schedules and time allowances for the contest. We realize that it is not easy for our teachers to get everything done that comes towards the end of the school year and we appreciate their allowance of time in the classroom for this project. This project is, after all, for the education of our future "Weed Warriors" in the challenges we all face in the fight to control weeds on our land. Teachers have been very supportive of our education efforts and the CWMA is grateful for their involvement in our programs.

This year the theme for our contest is "Leave the Seeds with the Weeds". The message in this theme is to explain how

not to spread weed seeds into new areas, by using care in what we do in our day-to-day activities. Washing off 4-wheelers after hunting, counting out the dog after an outing, picking the puncture-weed seeds out of our shoes, and taking care to not let those weed seeds get to new places by our carelessness...you get the idea. We look forward to how the kids portray these ideas through their art, and their message always has that interesting perspective that young minds have in tackling a problem.

Entries are open to all fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in Washington County, and they are due to the Weed Department by Friday, May 23. Please contact a board member or the Weed Department with any questions, or if you need additional materials. Winners will receive \$15 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place, and the top 12 entries will receive Washington County Weed Warrior T-shirts. Prizes will be awarded June 10. Please encourage a young artist to get involved. We look forward to the results.

Neighborhood Weed Projects Needed

The Lower Weiser River CWMA and Washington County Weed are currently accepting applications for the 2014 weed season for Neighborhood Projects to be conducted within the Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area. Application packets are available at the Weed Dept. office, 1118 E. Court Street. Please call about scheduling arrangements to pick one up as the weed office is not staffed on a full-time basis. Completed applications must be returned by noon on Thursday, Sept. 12. For more information, please contact Rance Schwabfelder at 414-6195.

2015 Noxious Weed Poster Contest Begins

By Rance Schwabfelder, Washington County Weed Advisory Board

The 2015 Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area poster contest is officially underway. This year the theme is "Biological Control for Weeds". This theme was chosen to motivate kids from 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in the county to "learn a fact about a particular noxious weed that biological control is effective on". It must be a noxious weed which is listed as such with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and portray that fact in art form. The kids would likely find that fact in the library, on the internet, from a farm magazine or other source. This could help the grade school kids with their research skills and also learn a fact about a weed that they may retain for life. Big points from the judges will be awarded for the most interesting of facts and the quality of the art produced. As always, it will be interesting to see those facts portrayed through the eyes of our "future weed warriors".

Last year over 160 entries were made in the Poster Contest and many of you have seen the 2015 CWMA Weed Calendar that was produced from that effort. That will ultimately be our goal again this year and we look forward to the results. Posters are due to the

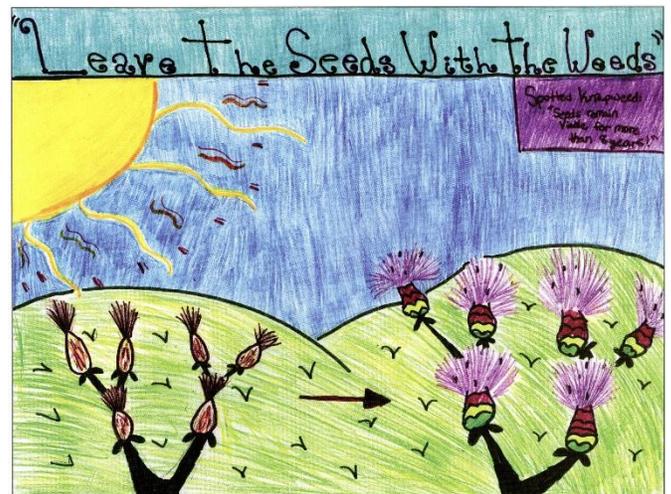
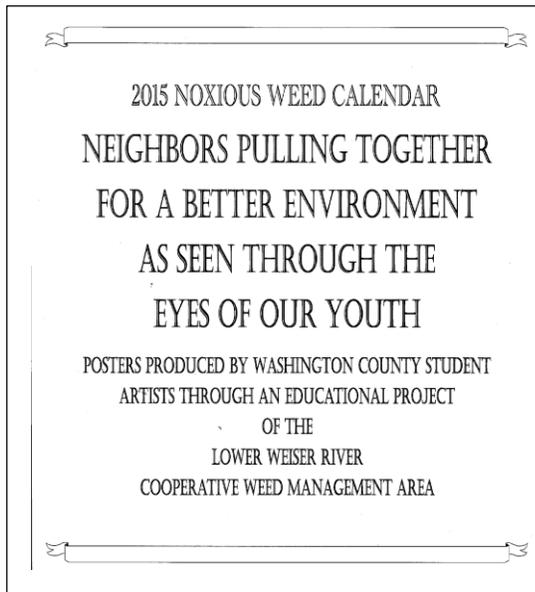
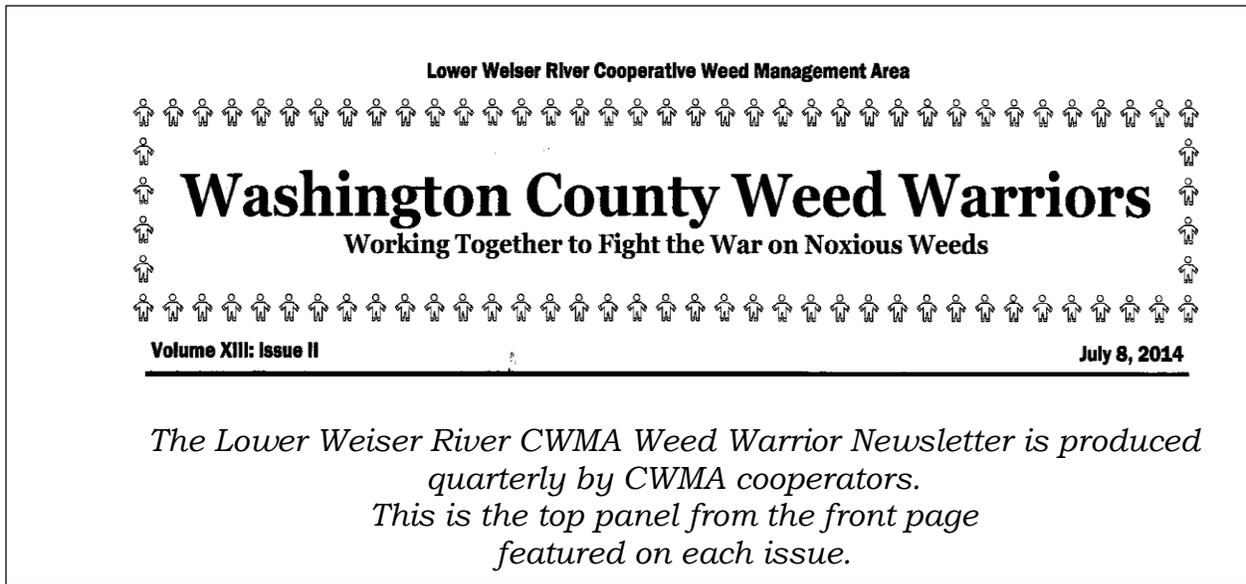
Weed Department on May 23rd on poster board provided by the CWMA to the schools. Teachers have been or will be given the rules for the contest and information on requirements of the artwork. Washington County 4-6th graders who are home schooled, attend a charter school, or participate in other educational opportunities are encouraged to participate. Rules, poster boards and other information is available at the Weed Dept. located at 1118 E. Court Street, Weiser.

The Washington County encourages youth participation in the contest and have added a little cash for incentive; \$75 to first place, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third, and possibly a "Weed Warrior" tee shirt for the top 12 places. We have to stick to specific guidelines to make the posters consistent to size and a "landscape" format as the winners are used in our calendar project for next year and the printer has specific requirements.

You can still get your 2015 calendars at the Weed Dept. They were great and we know this year's will be even better! We encourage your kids and grandkids to participate, and look forward to great results!

The Washington County Weed Advisory Board meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Washington County Weed Control in Weiser. The public is invited to attend.

**APPENDICES:
PRESS RELEASES/NEWS CLIPPINGS, MEDIA**



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To the left is the cover page of our 2015 CWMA calendar. This is just an example of what each month features.

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Poster Contest ends May 22, 2015 entries due no later than 3:30 p.m.

● FULL MOON

☾ NEW MOON

For information regarding the Teacher Workshop and Weed Tour to be held next month please call the Washington County Weed Department at 414-1959. Pre-registration is required.

Calendar compliments of the Lower Weiser River Cooperative Weed Management Area

Scotch Thistle is native to Europe and was introduced as an ornamental. It is a biennial, occasionally an annual or short-lived perennial. Full germinating seedlings overwinter as rosettes and bolt the following season to produce large plants. Early-stage germinating seedlings bolt the same season to produce rosettes. Late-stage germinating seedlings that fail to receive adequate chilling during that season over winter bolt the next season. The germination pattern leads to the largest plants.

One plant can produce an average of 200,000-300,000 seeds. Buried seeds can remain viable in the soil for at least 7 years and can survive for 20 plus years.

For more information contact: Washington County Weed Department 208-414-1959 dsilver@co.washington.id.us

Calendars are distributed throughout the county at various businesses at no charge in an effort to educate the public.