

Fremont County Weed Management

~ 2015 At a Glance ~

Partners ...

- Private landowners and managers
- Research & Monitoring Agencies (CSU graduate students, NRCS professionals, Tamarisk Coalition)
- Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Government Agencies (BLM, NRCS, Forest Service, Fremont Conservation District, Custer Conservation District, City of Canon City, CDA, CSU Extension, State Forest Service, USFWS, CPW, DNR, State Land Board, Others ...)

The Team ...

Our staff are required to become licensed through the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

We also added a new Bobcat, thanks to Fremont Conservation District!



Cooperative Projects ...



- Pueblo Yellow Starthistle (CDA, TCCD, Fremont)
- Yellow Toadflax (BLM, Park, Fremont)
- Elongated Mustard (BLM, CDA, Chaffee, Fremont, SLB, private landowners)
- Huerfano East Peak Fire on BLM (Fremont, BLM)

***About the Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area:** Formed in 1998, the UACWMA aims to manage noxious weeds on a watershed basis. The UACWMA is comprised of ten counties & includes county, state, and federal agencies as well as private landowner participation. The UACWMA applies for grant funding & shares resources across county boundaries to accomplish goals.*

Rights-of-Way & County Properties

- Treatments on County-maintained rights-of-way
- Tallahassee Shop
- Fremont County Airport
- Conservation Trust Fund Dollars for ...
 - * Pathfinder Park * Veteran's Memorial Park *
 - * Sheriff Shooting Range * Ecology Park *



Education, Weed Tours, Training ...

- 2nd Annual Invasive Plant Challenge
- Fremont County Fair with FCD
- Home & Garden Show with FCD
- Surveys and landowner letters
- State Weed Advisory Board Tour
- Update to "Guideline for Weed Management Plans" Booklet
- CWMA Annual Conference & Weeds 101
- Site Visits & Weed Management Plans



Private Landowners ...

- **Cost-share through Fremont Conservation District**
- During 2015, 42 acres of noxious weeds were treated on approximately 22 different properties!
- During 2015, FCWM distributed \$7,000 worth of herbicide ... Enough to treat 525+ acres of weeds! This is 2x's the amount of chemical distributed in 2014!
- Fremont Conservation District also provided financial assistance for the purchase of a new Bobcat!



Fremont's List-A's ...



Myrtle Spurge letters send to landowners.



Japanese Knotweed discovered in two more new locations.



Larry Walker of Chaffee County Getting ready to rappel to treat Elongated Mustard, Wellsville. This year, a helicopter was utilized.

BLM ... FCWM partnered with BLM seasonals to treat noxious weeds on BLM lands this year. The usual on-going project areas were treated, however Grape Creek was inaccessible. Heavy spring rains presented a number of challenges washed out roads, flooding, and high water levels. In total, FCWM treated 78 acres of noxious weeds on BLM lands during the 2015 season!

Challenges ...

- Heavy rains prevented spring treatments and made project access difficult later in the season.
- \$21,000 in cancelled contracts.
- Rare plant in elongated mustard helicopter treatment area.

Acres ... FCWM treated a total of 268 acres!

Huerfano Acres	Custer Acres	Fremont Acres	Pueblo Acres	Totals
2.5	50	203	12	267.5

Financials ...

2015 Estimated Budget

Beginning balance \$13,483
 Revenues \$149,278
 Expenses \$152,453
Ending Balance \$10,308

2016 Estimated Budget

Est. Begin. balance \$10,308
 Revenues \$159,000
 Expenses \$165,000
Ending Balance \$4,308



Thank you!!!

- Fremont County Commissioners
- Weed Advisory Board
- Partnering Agencies
- The 2015 Team