



# FREMONT COUNTY WEED MANAGEMENT



*Annual Report of Activities in Fremont County and the Region*

**2015**

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Hiring of Weed Management Coordinator, Tony Telck!
- Jana Rapetti, Director, served as President of the Colorado Weed Management Association.
- Grant funding received for aerial application in inaccessible areas.
- Purchase of new Bobcat UTV.



Jana Rapetti  
Weed Management Director

## CHALLENGES

- Heavy rains prevented spring treatments and made project areas inaccessible later in the season.
- Funding complications ... \$21,000 in cancelled contracts during 2015.
- Rare plant in treatment area posed challenges.



Tony Telck  
Weed Management Coordinator

# 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.*

## ▣ **Pueblo Yellow Starthistle**

- Partners include
  - Colorado Department of Agriculture
  - Turkey Creek Conservation District
  - Fremont County

## ▣ **Pueblo Wildlife Area & DeWeese Reservoir**

- Partners include
  - Colorado Parks & Wildlife
  - Custer County
  - Pueblo County
  - Fremont County

## ▣ **Yellow Toadflax**

- Partners include
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Park County
  - Fremont County

## ▣ **Custer County Rights-of-way & Private Lands**

- Partners include
  - Custer County
  - Custer CSU Extension
  - Private Landowners
  - Fremont County

## ▣ **Elongated Mustard (A-List Species)**

- Partners include
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Colorado Department of Agriculture
  - State Land Board
  - Chaffee County
  - Fremont County

## ▣ **Huerfano East Peak Fire**

- Partners include
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Huerfano County
  - Fremont County

# FREMONT COUNTY PRIVATE LANDS

- **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!



# EDUCATION, WEED TOURS, & TRAININGS

- ❑ 2nd Annual Invasive Plant Challenge & Golf Tournament
- ❑ Fremont County Fair with Fremont Conservation District
- ❑ Home & Garden Show with Fremont Conservation District
- ❑ Surveys and landowner letters
- ❑ State Weed Advisory Board Tour
- ❑ Update to “Guideline for Weed Management Plans” Booklet
- ❑ Upper Arkansas Cooperative Weed Management Area Annual Conference
- ❑ Weeds 101 Training (Colorado Weed Management Association)
- ❑ CWMA Annual Conference (Colorado Weed Management Association)
- ❑ Site Visits & Weed Management Plans



# 2015 Acres & Dollars

Because the FCWM is not fully funded through County dollars, grant funds and contracted work help sustain the department. Most treated acres occur in Fremont County, but some out-of-county work is required to make this feasible.

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

**\*\*Please note that 2015 revenues & expenses are not yet final. Dollars below are estimates.\*\***

Revenues		Expenses	
Beginning Balance	\$ 13,483.73	Salaries & Wages (Teaxes, etc.)	\$ 98,587.06
Fremont Conservation District	\$ 15,000.00	Office Supplies	\$ 2,240.34
City of Florence	\$ -	Building Expenses	\$ -
State Land Board	\$ -	Gas, Oil, Fuel, Grease	\$ 6,000.00
Grazing Advisory Board	\$ 4,971.50	Memberships, Registration Fees	\$ 1,500.00
City of Canon City	\$ 3,789.59	Telephone & Communications	\$ 900.00
State Weed Fund Grant	\$ 30,000.00	Other Professional Services	\$ 7,841.14
BLM Funds	\$ 20,698.20	Spraying Chemicals	\$ 25,000.00
CDOT Fremont	\$ 674.55	Repair & Maint. Motor Vehicles	\$ 5,000.00
County Roads Fremont	\$ 6,867.05	Lease Vehicles	\$ 5,000.00
CDOT Custer	\$ 922.25	Employee Auto Expense	\$ 1,000.00
County Roads Custer	\$ 3,570.71	Lodging	\$ 2,000.00
State & Private Forestry Grant	\$ 2,000.00	Meals	\$ 1,500.00
Colorado Parks & Wildlife	\$ 3,536.90	Tranings / Seminars	\$ 1,500.00
Pueblo Yellow Starthistle	\$ 3,864.75	Cap. Outlay \$500 - \$4,999	\$ 1,000.00
Fremont County Airport	\$ 244.76	Cap. Outlay Over \$5,000	
CDOT Pueblo	\$ -	In-Direct Cost to General Fund	\$ -
CTF - SB-99	\$ 12,000.00		
Holcim	\$ 1,108.75		
Other	\$ 2,316.89		
Sale of Assets	\$ 2,200.00		
Sale of Herbicide	\$ 7,000.00		
Private Landowners Fremont	\$ 3,500.00		
Private Landowners Custer	\$ 2,815.00		
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 20,000.00		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 160,564.63</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 159,068.54</b>
<b>2015 Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,496.09</b>