

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
January 9th, 2024

- This year I will be asking for a continuation of the Spray Days and San Juan River Grants. This year I hope to do work at Sand Island along the trail to the Eastern Petroglyphs. The BLM is in the process of making this trail ADA compliant and addressing the Russian Knapweed infestation in this area will provide a more pleasant hiking experience.
- As mentioned previously I am exploring the possibility of a new spray truck for next season. The goal would be to have 2 main spray trucks with our current well-used Dodge rig staying in place as a ready to go back-up sprayer to eliminate having to be a truck down due to equipment failure. I believe our newer F-450 spray truck should be serviceable for another five years and has been very reliable over the past seven seasons.
- During the off season I will go through all 5 of our current spray vehicles to make sure they are in as reliable of a condition as possible for next season. Our 2 Kubotas sprayers take a beating along the San Juan River and are in need of in depth repair and restoration this winter.
- I will begin creating a mailer to send with tax notices next week. I also intend to ask for more budget for additional mailers and advertisements aimed at further awareness and education about the importance of taking care of noxious weeds on your property.
- We have sprayed over 1000 gallons of both Tordon and Glyphosate at the Monticello airports on the areas adjacent to the Highway. Our goal is to fully spray all of the acreage West of the actual airport yard. In addition, we sprayed all the aprons inside of the airport fence.
- Further drafts of the new control letters will be submitted as part of the February weed board. In addition, we will resubmit the ordinance changes and upon the boards approval this can be submitted to the commission for final adoption approval.