

## Weed Department Report

### Weed Board Meeting

July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- We are having a second herbicide giveaway this Friday and Saturday. This event is in response to the unprecedented amount of bindweed that has sprouted this year. We will again have events in Bluff, La Sal, Blanding and Monticello. It is going to be very hot on Saturday in Blanding as the event is in the visitors center parking lot.
- I have identified 39 properties to date with a significant presence of Bindweed or Russian Knapweed. Most of these lot owners have received a letter and I have received responses from many of them. I have referred 4 properties to Jens Nielson for him to follow up with. Depending on the outcome of his work we may then begin enforcement as these are 4 of the worse properties historically. I have made a point of prioritizing properties that border active farmland since such a high % of properties have noxious weeds.
- We are assisting UDAF with another study in the riparian areas of the San Juan River. We will help the survey crew with UTV transportation and identifying suitable study areas. This will be another 5 year study that will be in conjunction with our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed project. They are also interested in Phragmites and Russian Olive presence. The previous study on Camelthorn brought positive exposure too the large effort that was put into getting Camelthorn presence to a near Maintenance treatment level. I believe that this can be a determining factor when grant funding is decided by UDAF.