

Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 4/1/2021

- ◆ We will begin the spray season on April 12th. The initial emphasis will be on areas along the San Juan River. This work is in support of our submitted UDAF grant and our contact with the BLM. We will also do vegetation control spraying at all county properties throughout the county.
- ◆ This year Don and Rianna will each run their own spray truck. I will run a 3rd smaller capacity spray rig. This will allow me to do more weed discovery and plan a more efficient and effective spray schedule.
- ◆ Our new Honda Rancher 4 wheeler has had it's new spray system installed and is ready for the weed season. This will come in particularly handy for work in areas such as San Juan Hill and the river access south of the Bluff airport.
- ◆ We will submit a “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds” for publication in the San Juan Record in April, May and June as per Utah Administrative Code R68-9-6, which states:

A general public notice shall be posted by the County Weed Board in at least three public places within the county and be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation throughout the county, on or before May 1 of each year and at any other times the County Weed Board determines.

In addition to the publications we will post general notices on bulletin boards in Bluff, Blanding, Monticello and La Sal.

- ◆ I have reformatted the “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds” to indicate the 5 categories that the 54 designated noxious weeds are separated under in Utah. I have also updated our PO Box to “338” which routes future correspondence through the road department. A copy of the new “General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds' follows this report for the consideration and approval of the Weed Board.
- ◆ We will send a preemptive letter to our list of previous Weed Control letter recipients presented at the last weed board meeting. This letter will be neighborly and offer advice and assistance to control noxious weeds before they spread impacting neighboring properties.
- ◆ I plan to start our seasonal crew on April 12th this year. I have spoken to Don Andrews and Rianna Shumway and they both plan to return this season. This will allow us to get right to work as they will not require any training on equipment or weed identification.
- ◆ We will mount fire extinguishers on each of our 3 spray trucks and our 2 Kubotas. This year each Kubota will carry a spare tire, jack, lug wrench, inflator, plug kit and a tow strap. This should allow us to deal with issues we faced in the past much more easily.