

## Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting

May 14th, 2026

- I have submitted two grants this year for the UDAF Invasive Species Mitigation grant program. I have sent request for a continuation of our San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian knapweed mitigation project. I have also tried again to receive funding for the continuation of our Spray Days herbicide giveaway and public outreach program. Total funding requested was \$100K with \$65k going to the San Juan River project and \$35k going to the Spray days project. It has been reported that we should be able to receive funding for both projects as grant funds are at a normal level this year and UDAF is not anticipating any large funding needs that could change this.
- Last Thursday we received our response to the grant requests. They received 67 funding requests for a total request of \$3.1 million dollars. They only had \$1.8 million to distribute. The result of this is that they cut our funding for the San Juan River project to \$45,500.00 from \$65k requested and our Spray days grant to \$32,400 from \$35K. I truly expected full funding this year but there are some extremely large phragmites removal projects along the inlet water ways for the Great Salt Lake and I suspect they received a boost in funding this year.
- I have purchased \$40k of herbicides for this season. I ordered Opensight, High Noon, Milestone, and 41% Glyphosate and all required dyes and adjuvants. This amount should cover this years spraying needs with some left over next year. I am looking forward to trying Highnoon and comparing it to Opensight and Milestone. All 3 of these herbicides' main ingredient is Aminopyralid but Opensight and Highnoon also include a second herbicide in support of a different range of weeds.
- Don Andrews returned for the season on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. We have hired Preston Lewis as our second seasonal weed sprayer she started on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. And should be able to work into the fall.
- We have begun patrolling and forming a list of those with weed issues that made need enforcement intervention. Initial letters will go out very soon and as we discussed in the last weed board we will go back to an initial toned down letter and then follow up quickly with certified letters for those who do not comply with the Utah Weed Act or contact us with a treatment schedule to comply. We have adronne spraying company we can hire for enforcement purposes.