

Weed Department Report
Weed Board Meeting
November 21st, 2024

- Don Andrews last day of the season was yesterday November 6th. His service to the San Juan County weed department has been invaluable and I hope he continues to participate over the next few summers. With his help we have achieved huge improvements in the presence of noxious weeds throughout all areas of the department. His sharp eye for weeds on Right-of -ways has led to historically low levels of noxious weeds on county roadsides.
- As this is the last week of the spray season, I will begin working towards the next round of grants from the UDAF ISM program. I also plan to explore a smaller grant to help with the cost of potentially purchasing a new spray truck and spray system.
- 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 recently sprayed all the aprons inside of the airport fence.