

## **Weed Department Report Weed Board Meeting 5/6/21**

- ◆ We were awarded both UDAF Invasive Species Management (ISM) grants we applied for. The first is the “San Juan River Camelthorn and Russian Knapweed Control” grant. We will receive \$53,000 in revenue for this project. The second grant is the “San Juan County Spray Days Project” grant. We will receive \$30,000 in revenue from this grant. This year we plan to have 2 separate spray days events in La Sal, Monticello, Blanding and Bluff. As usual we will distribute Milestone herbicide premixed with surfactant.
- ◆ Don Andrews and Rianna Shumway returned for the season on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We have found that weed emergence is slower this year. We have found plenty of russian knapweed to spray along the San Juan River but have been hampered by consistent wind. This week we have begun spraying all of the various county properties for vegetation control.
- ◆ As the UDAF and USU have reopened testing centers both Don and Rianna are going to obtain their Non-Commercial Pesticide applicator licenses with a Right-of-way endorsement. This will allow them the freedom to even apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP's) like Tordon without having someone licensed present.
- ◆ Don and Rianna have begun helping map weeds on their phones using the EDD Maps invasive species mapping application. This system is now the standard recording and prioritizing noxious weed management across the western United States. All UDAF Invasive Species Management grants are ranked and awarded based on this mapping and prioritization system. Previously Don and Rianna would record GPS coordinates and weed type on a notepad. The use of this App by Don and Rianna will allow more complete weed records with pictures which makes follow-up much easier.
- ◆ With the help of the assessors office I have assembled a mailing list of all property owners who have previously received weed control notices. This will be a firm but nice general notice of weed control responsibility. I hope to express to everyone that weed control makes and keeps Good Neighbors.
- ◆ I will begin inspecting the properties of all persons that have previously received weed control notices and follow up as needed. I will seek approval from the weed board before sending any official weed control letter and will try to document the issue with pictures and EDD Map points.