

# **Weed Department Report**

## **Weed Board Meeting**

May 8th, 2025

- The San Juan County weed department, under the authority of the county weed board submitted 2 grant proposals on April 24<sup>th</sup> to the UDAF ISM grant program. These grants are for the same 2 projects we have had running for several years. The San Juan River project will continue as before with an emphasis on areas withing the Sand Island petroglyph, boat launch and campsite. The second grant will continue our spray days project with a projected 3 different distribution events.
- I plan to start Don on the 12<sup>th</sup> of may as we are still in the process of building our new spray truck platform. If she is available I would like to start Cami Lewis at the same time. I have not heard from Kaylynn Jones so I believe she has found other employment for the summer. If Don Andrews is willing we will keep him on for a full 6 months as we have done in previous years. At least at this time we do not plan to hire any other seasonal employees this year.
- With grants submitted I can begin patrolling and documenting weed issues throughout the county and will send enforcement letter as soon as I see a documentable noxious weed issue on a plot of land. My goal this year is to really increase the enforcement efforts and hopefully achieve a positive result before infestation go to seed and begin a new cycle of infestation.
- With grants submitted I can also begin spraying county properties before and weeds or grass can get well established. Over the last 4 years we have been able to maintain a minimal weed presence on all county buildings and fire stations throughout the county. I have also effectively controlled a large bindweed infestation in the field belonging to San Juan County directly North of the fairgrounds. It will now be easier to do enforcement for the fields directly adjacent to this property without folks saying that we, as an enforcement entity, does not even take care of our noxious weeds. It took multiple treatments to control and will need maintenance spraying this year.