

Weed Department Report

Weed Board Meeting

May 9th, 2024

- San Juan County recently signed a new contract with the Bureau of Land Management. This Contract is yearly with 4 option years specified. The new contract is for \$15,000 per year which is a \$2000 increase over the previous contract. The new Statement of Work for this project requires a more in-depth reporting of the actual area sprayed per treatment day. We previously provided a single GPS point to indicate the general area sprayed. They now want an area measurement per application.
- Spray days on June 1st saw a major increase in attendance in Blanding and Monticello this year. In Blanding we gave away 800 gallons of Glyphosate and nearly 600 gallons of Milestone. In Monticello we gave away 350 gallons of Glyphosate and 300 gallons of Milestone. In addition we also gave out 50 prefilled 2.5 gallon jugs of glyphosate and 50 prefilled 2.5 gallon jugs of Milestone. We also distributed both herbicides in Bluff and La Sal on May 31st, but attendance was actually lower than usual.
- At a recent meeting with the BLM the subject of the weed infestation at Sand Island campground and trail was discussed. I am requesting permission to treat large patches of Russian knapweed along the trail that leads to the petroglyphs at the far Eastern end of the facility. Previous rangers at Sand Island have limited herbicide treatment to backpack sprayers. This would be intangible and require an army of applicators with backpack sprayers. This trail is being made ADA accessible later this season and I would like to try to get some of this treatment done before they bring in crews for the ADA improvements.
- I have sent out 20 letters explain a land owners general responsibility to control weeds ubder the UTAH weed act. I will now begin sending control letters to those with active weed issues. There are several properties along county road 332 that have Bindweed and Russian Knapweed infestations. We will attempt to spray a buffer perimeter along the edges of these fields in attempt to cut down on the spread of weeds to adjoining properties.