

Weed Supervisor Report  
Weed Board Meeting 1/7/2020

- ◆ UDAF Grants were opened on December 17<sup>th</sup>. I plan to apply for 2 grants totaling approximately \$90,000. These grants, like last years, will support our Spray Days and San Juan River projects. This year I plan to increase the amount of funding for our spray days grant/project in order to have multiple “Spray Day” herbicide distributions and cost share spraying efforts. Grants are due by February 26<sup>th</sup> but I am on schedule to submit our application by the end of January.
- ◆ The weed department performed approximately \$47,000 dollars of billable work (including herbicide cost) in support of our Spray Days and San Juan River Grants. This amount would have been significantly higher had we not seen our 2020 grants reduced by over half of the original amount by the UDAF due to funding reallocation caused by Covid-19.
- ◆ The weed department is being reassigned as a division of the Road Department. The weed supervisor will work under the supervision of Todd Adair.
- ◆ The weed department has been assigned the former fire cache building at the San Juan Fairgrounds. This building will provide a year round means of storage and maintenance of all of our weed spraying rigs. The weed supervisor will be based in the office in this quonset hut.
- ◆ We have purchased a new Honda engine for our pump system on our F-450 spray rig. The previous engine burns a significant amount of oil and is no longer reliable. The old engine will be saved as a parts source as we bought an identical replacement.
- ◆ In 2021 I intend to work more closely with the Road Department, Water Conservation District and our Cities to help with vegetation control issues, i.e. Rabbit Brush control on Recapture Dam, cattleguards, guardrails etc.
- ◆ I intend to create a plan to monitor and control vegetation and noxious weeds at all of the various road sheds, senior centers and fire stations throughout the county.