

Weed Department Report

Weed Board Meeting

October 9th, 2025

- I have submitted a “Notice To Control” for review at this meeting. This will be submitted to a data and mailing center in Salt Lake City and will be included in each of the 5000+ tax notices that will be mailed this year. This will cost the department approximately \$400.00 which would not even cover postage if we did not include it with the tax notices as this cost is already covered. We will continue to do this yearly and the hope is that this will make it clear to land owners that they have a responsibility to control noxious weeds and have been informed of this responsibility.
- Don and I have been able to spend several days in service of the San Juan River project and grant and our BLM contract. We intend to continue to spend every available day working at the different locations along the San Juan River.
- I recently had a visit from Aaron Eager who is the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) manager. We had an excellent meeting and he made it clear that his department is here to help with our mitigation efforts. He expressed that we should be able to get fully funded for next years grant submittals. We even discussed some special instances that UDAF has purchased specific mitigation equipment which they have gifted to counties in support of their weed control efforts. We even discussed the possibility of a shallow draft boat with a spray system to address areas on the San Juan River that are accessible only by the river. They have previously bought a tracked amphibious spraying and burning vehicle to help with the huge infestation of phragmites in the wetland bordering Utah Lake. Aaron would also like to visit our weed board for a meeting in the future. He even mentioned a future weed board fund which would give each county weed board a block of money yearly to spent on mitigation and education at their discretion.
- We hope to continue spraying through the month of October and Don will finish his season on Nov. 7th. I intend to invite Don to the Utah Weed Control Association meeting this February in Hurricane Utah.