

Morrow Co. Weed District Annual work plan



City Public Works Director, Dave Winters, assist Jim Van Winkle, and Jerry Anderson spray noxious weed - Hemlock.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Morrow County Weed Control District are:

1. Conduct a weed control program in Morrow County to control, reduce or eradicate serious or NOXIOUS WEEDS;

2. Maintain or improve existing conditions of rangeland infested with weeds;

3. Organize an effective information and education program in attempt to inform the public of the benefits of a weed control program. An ongoing county wide inventory of all weeds designated "A" and "B" by the Weed Advisory Board and Morrow County Court will continue.

OBJECTIVES - for the eradication of "A" list weeds:

- a) Weed Control recommendations
- b) Regulatory grass seed samples for purity and germination.
- c) Help locate and inventory NOXIOUS WEEDS

1. Yellow starthistle - Acres inventoried 3,000. Projected acres to spray - 15% or 450 acres.
2. Common spike weed - Acres inventoried 1,550. Projected acres to spray - 15% or 225 acres.
3. Dalmation and yellow toadflax - Acres inventoried 150. Projected acres to spray - 75% or 112 acres.
4. Musk thistle - Acres inventoried 100. Projected acres to spray - 100% or 100 acres.
5. Tansy ragwort - 20 sightings.

Will continue to work with the Umatilla National Forest (Heppner Ranger District) and O.D.F.W. to locate and help eradicate by clipping seedheads and hand pulling.

6. Skeleton weed - Oversee state funded survey, site rechecks and education/information program.

7. Scotch thistle - Continue county wide survey and contact growers of their responsibility to eradicate known infestations.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

1. Enforce all state and county laws which are in accordance with ORS 570.505-600 and Morrow County Ordinance #M-C-4-84.

2. Coordinate any weed interest groups for the purpose of controlling or eradicating any weeds found on the Morrow County Weed Classification list.

3. Continue knapweed awareness within Morrow County, i.e.

- a) Published literature
- b) Public Workshops
- c) Group spray programs

4. Set up and organize with the Extension Service the County Weed Tour/Bar-B-Q.

5. Exhibit and display booth at Morrow County Fair.

6. Work with S.C.S., A.S.C.S., Morrow SWCD and any other organization on the Conservation Reserve Program.

7. Work with neighboring county and state personnel to prevent new weed introductions from getting established in Morrow County.

WEED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4 year skeleton survey completed

Scotch thistle upgraded to A

Grazing utilization on Bombing Range.

Cost/sharing and weed control on county borders with Gilliam County.

Cooperative agreements with over 10 state, government, county, private agencies.



Jim Van Winkle, Weed Supervisor

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