

Umatilla implements integrated weed management program

In May 1995, the Umatilla National Forest implemented an Integrated Noxious Weed Management program allowing for a full range of treatment methods, including herbicide use. The program prescribes treatments for 773 sites on lands administered by the Umatilla National Forest in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties in Washington state, and Union, Umatilla, Morrow, Grant and Wallowa in Oregon. The primary focus of the program is prevention and early treatment

of noxious weed sites before they become large and established seed banks. The majority of the sites are roadside infestations and the primary weed species are knapweeds. A total of 157 sites on 1339 acres are prescribed to receive a combination of biological, manual and cultural control treatments with primarily a maintenance and monitoring strategy. The primary species on these sites are Common St. John's Wort, leafy spurge and Canadian Thistle; typically these are large, established

infestations. A total of 29 sites on 41 acres will receive manual and cultural control treatments and 587 sites on 1391 acres will receive a combination of manual, chemical and cultural treatments depending on the species and characteristics of the site. On sites where chemical control is allowed, the primary objective is correction and ultimately eradication of the weed species on the site. Chemical use will typically be limited to spot applications of picloram (Tordon), Glyphosate (Accord or Roundup) and dicamba (Banvel or Vanquish) depending on the noxious weed species and characteristics of the

site. Herbicides will not be used within 100 feet from a stream or standing body of water. Aerial application of herbicides will not be allowed under this

management program. For further information on this program, call Karl Urban, (541) 278-3716, or Travis Mosely (541) 676-9187.



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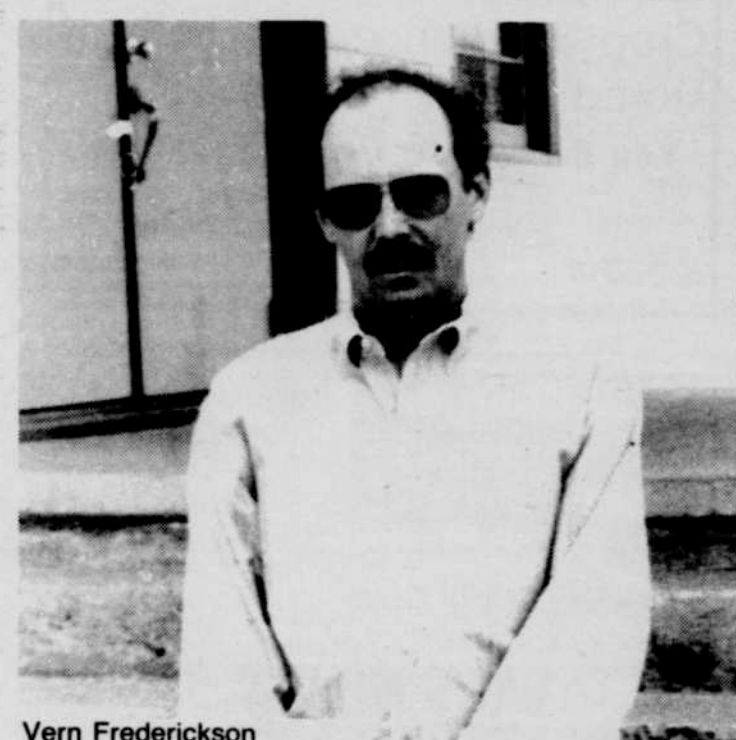


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Frederickson brothers awarded Conservation Farmers



Vern Frederickson

does not allow restricted-use chemicals. The Fredericksons then must consider non-chemical options to their pest management problems. As part of their lease contract with the USF&W, the Fredericksons also devote a portion of their cropland for exclusive wildlife use. Vern manages the farming aspect of the operation while Gary focuses his attention on their Oregon Hay Company, which exports compressed hay bales to Japan. Vern is an active

member of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, currently serving the board of directors as secretary/treasurer. The Fredericksons are quick to credit their employees for their success in farming and in conservation. Field employees Bob Waring and Sergio Morales, chief mechanic George Row, and office staff Pam Kuns and Shannon Zumwalt share responsibility for their success. The Fredericksons also credit their family: parents Clarence

and Virginia Frederickson, Vern's wife Suzanne, and their son Greg, and Gary's wife Casey, and their children Nikki and Cody. The Fredericksons were honored at a Conservation Field Day on June 6. The public was invited to a hosted lunch followed by a tour of the operation. The Fredericksons were previously honored as the 1994 Morrow County Conservation Farm of the Year.

ODFW-funding available for habitat improvement projects

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife continues to have funding available to complete wildlife habitat improvement projects on private lands. Past projects have varied from seeding of grasses to the development of water sources. Currently there are four programs that provide the majority of the funds used for these cooperative habitat improvement projects. The four programs are described below:

Green Forage-the green forage program was initiated to alleviate or prevent big game damage on private lands while benefiting wildlife by improving forage quality and quantity on public or private lands. Deer Enhancement and Rehabilitation (DEAR)-the DEAR program was started in the early 1980s to improve mule deer ranges for the enhancement of Oregon's mule deer population on private and/or public lands. Upland Gamebird Program-the upland gamebird program

is funded by the sale of upland gamebird hunting stamps and was designed to improve upland gamebird habitat, develop or maintain public access, provide funding for the reintroduction of native species and to fund research that would help make management decisions. Access and Habitat-the Access and Habitat program was initiated to improve wildlife habitat and to provide sportsmen with access to private and public lands for the purpose of hunting. All of the above programs and funding were mandated by the Oregon Legislature. Since the start of the various programs as described above, 320 projects have been completed in the Heppner Wildlife District. A total of 110,602 acres have been treated at a cost of \$599,337.00. If you are interested in a habitat improvement project for your property, contact your local ODF&W biologist at 676-5230.

Annual rainfall nearly double

The annual rainfall recorded at the Shobe Weather Station near Heppner for 1995 was 20.2 inches. The same location recorded only 11.2 inches in 1994. The precipitation levels per month are listed below:

Month	Inches
January	1.9
February	1.4
March	1.6
April	2.4
May	3.2
June	3.1
July	0.1
August	0.5
September	0.5
October	1.2
November	2.5
December	1.8
TOTAL	20.2

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