

**Montrose County West End Weed Cost Share Program**  
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For citizens owning or operating taxable land in the West End of Montrose County. For more information, please visit the Montrose County Weed website at: [www.co.montrose.co.us](http://www.co.montrose.co.us) and follow the link to the Weed Department.

*Please read and fill out the entire application. Incomplete applications will not be processed and will be returned by mail –resulting in delayed reimbursement.*

**Cost Share Program:**

Participants:

- The Cost Share Program is for citizens owning or operating land in the ‘West End’ only. The ‘West End’ runs from the Divide Road on the Uncompahgre Plateau west to the Utah border. Currently, the program is limited to this area because of the funding from the 2005 Uravan Mill Natural Resources Damage Fund Grant.

Reimbursements

- Reimbursement maximums per landowner: \$500.
- 100% Cost Share on Montrose County Priority Noxious Weed Species List. (Certain applicants may qualify for higher maximum benefit in order to eradicate priority species.)
- 50/50 Cost Share on Montrose County General Noxious Weed Species List.
- Applicants may reapply for the program on a biannual basis if additional funds are available.

Inspections

- No Pre or Post Inspection is necessary, but by participating in the program, landowners agree to let Montrose County inspect their property at any time for identification purposes.

Management Plan

- Management Plan required. Please see attached Application.
- Landowners may treat weeds prior to applying for the Program but run the risk of being denied reimbursement if their treatment practices are deemed ineffective. The responsibility to follow the label direction lies upon the applicator.

Methods

- Approved Methods include:
  - Chemical: The use of herbicides to control noxious weeds. All herbicides must be used in accordance with the registered label.
  - Biocontrol\*: The use of organisms to control noxious weeds.
  - Cultural: The use of materials or techniques that reduce noxious weed populations. Examples include mulching, rotational grazing, establishing good vegetation cover.
    - Reseeding: Areas that have been treated for noxious weeds should be reseeded with effective perennial vegetation.
  - Labor: For commercial contractors only.
  - Mechanical: The use of cutting, mowing, disking, etc.

\*(All methods must be CSU Weed Science and Montrose County Approved Practices. Montrose County has discretion to review applicants on a case-by-case basis.)

**Limited tax dollars will be used in the best manner. Therefore, ineffective materials, incorrect rates, less than optimum treatment timing, and off-label applications will not be cost shared.**

This program is available to all without discrimination. No endorsement of products is intended nor is criticism implied of products not mentioned.

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### **Cost Share Check List**

1. Weed control recommendations are available from:
  1. Montrose County Weed Program Office, 161 S. Townsend Ave.: 252.4528
  2. Colorado State University Fact Sheets: [www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/](http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/)
  3. CSU Area Extension Director – Tri-County, Wayne Cooley: 970.874.2195
  4. Natural Resource Conservation Service: 249.8407
  5. Agricultural Chemical Suppliers
  6. Licensed Commercial Applicators
  7. Effective product labels
2. Consider the following for effective product selection: your target weeds, other existing vegetation, site or crop, correct rate per acre, and weed growth treatment timing.
3. Staple a photocopy or brief hand-sketched map of weed project to the application. Include information such as: named weeds, crop or adjacent crops, named roads, property lines, streams and ditches.
4. Cost Share materials must be applied to lands only on Montrose County West End Property Tax Rolls.
5. Biological Cost Share participants agree to manage weeds along a 40 ft. perimeter of their property line by other effective, CSU Weed Science proven methods to prevent weeds from spreading to adjacent properties.
6. Cost Share participants must treat weeds along private roadsides, field accesses, fence lines, field corners, ditches, equipment parking, producing fields and waste areas.
7. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis until funds have expired.

**Please turn in the application, map, release form, and original invoices (no photo copies) in one complete package to:**

**Montrose County Weed Department**  
**161 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401**

**Incomplete application and packages will not be accepted and will be returned.**

Your reimbursement cost share check will be issued by the Montrose County Finance Department.

Reasons for Cost Share Disqualification:

1. Attempting to defraud the program in any manner.
2. Applying herbicides off label (over or under labeled rates and/or to unapproved sites).
3. Using program materials on lands outside of the program guidelines (see point #4 above).

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Fill out and return to address above.

Montrose County West End Parcel Number(s) to be treated: \_\_\_\_\_

Treated Parcel Road Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_ Land User: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Questions to: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received Cost Share in a prior year?  Yes  No

Will land use of crop change in the next 5 years?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50 Cost Share Weeds:** Spotted knapweed, Russian knapweed, Diffuse knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax, Tamarisk, Russian olive, Whitetop, Oxeye daisy, Houndstongue, Canada thistle, Bull thistle, Musk thistle.

**100% Cost Share Weeds:** Yellow starthistle, Purple loosestrife, Leafy spurge, Yellow toadflax. New invading species may qualify for cost share once discovered.

***Please attach an explanation of costs incurred if using an alternative method for weed treatment (not chemical). Please attach a map of the infestations on your property.***

Chemical recommendations for this section may be obtained from qualified sources (#1 on check list page).

I obtained my recommendations from: (check one)

- Name Below  CSU fact sheet  Product Label

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ of (Agency or Company): \_\_\_\_\_

Target Weed	Best Treatment: Growth Stage or Approx. Date	Crop or Site	Control Agent(s)	Label Rate per Acre	Total Infested acres	Volume Required	Actual Cost	X 50%	=Cost Share Amount
Russian Knapweed	Bud to early bloom or around June 21	Dryland grass pasture	Redeem R&P plus Biosurf	4 pts or 2 qts.	4 acres	16 pts. (2 gals)	\$136.00	X 50%	\$68.00
<b>Totals</b>									

Official Use Only-Do Not Write Below This Line

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1<sup>st</sup> Application  2<sup>nd</sup> Application

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**RELEASE FOR COUNTY WEED CONTROL PROGRAM**

ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO EITHER APPLY PESTICIDES OR OWN LAND UPON WHICH PESTICIDES ARE APPLIED UNDER THIS PROGRAM MUST SIGN THIS RELEASE.

1. The undersigned releases the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Montrose, Colorado State University – Tri-County Extension Department, Montrose County Weed Board, and all members thereof, either in their personal or official capabilities from any liability whatsoever, resulting from injury to the undersigned, or any of the undersigned’s property, either real or personal, resulting from the undersigned’s participation in the Weed Control Program.
2. The undersigned is a volunteer who undertakes any activity at his/her own risk, assuming any responsibility for any loss or injury whatsoever suffered or incurred by the undersigned volunteer.
3. The undersigned volunteer is over 18 years of age and is aware that pesticides are a controlled and dangerous substance. Further, application of pesticides under any circumstances is a hazardous activity, even if performed by knowledgeable and certified applicators. The undersigned, aware of these factors, completely assumes the full risk and liability which could result from his/her participation in the Weed Control Program, either as a volunteer applicator or as a landowner.
4. The volunteer acknowledges that there may be hazards or conditions not immediately apparent to the volunteer, or known by the program sponsors, which could present a hazard to the volunteer or any affected landowner.
5. The volunteer releases all of the parties specifically named in paragraph #1 above from any liability or loss or injury suffered by the volunteer resulting from all hazards or conditions, whether the hazards are apparent upon inspection or not apparent upon inspection. Further, volunteer agrees to fully defend and indemnify the parties specifically named in paragraph #1 above from any claim or lawsuit from any third parties resulting from the volunteer’s participation in the Weed Control Program.
6. Volunteer hereby certifies that he/she will strictly adhere to label restrictions of chemical(s) used. Volunteer landowner or applicator certifies that if restricted pesticides are used, they will be applied by a licensed, certified applicator, who will be:

Fill in all spaces below. All signatures are required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicator’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner’s Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicator’s Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Landowner’s Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicator’s Mailing Address

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City                      State                      Zip

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City                      State                      Zip

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

License # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_