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## Weed Prevention - Best Management Practices

→ **Spread the word that noxious weeds are everyone's concern**

→ **Noxious weeds can have direct impacts on land value**



Field of  
Oxeye daisy

Purple  
loosestrife  
along a ditch



→ **Cooperation is key to achieving noxious weed management objectives**

Spotted  
knapweed



Canada  
thistle

### EARLY DETECTION – RAPID RESPONSE

- Learn how to identify high-priority weed species.
- Report new infestations to the county weed supervisor or resource manager.
- If you find a small isolated patch of weeds, collect the seeds or flowers in a plastic bag for disposal and pull the weeds.
- Monitor the site periodically and repeat physical removal of the noxious weed or treat with herbicide.
- Inspect roads before maintenance to prevent spread of weeds by equipment.
- Inspect ditch and stream banks to prevent spread of weeds downstream by running water.
- Inspect high traffic areas monthly such as trailheads, parking areas, campgrounds, corrals, water developments, or salt licks.
- Inspect bare soil or disturbed sites frequently for weeds.

### PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF WEEDS

- Avoid the introduction of ornamental flowers that are on the Colorado invasive species list.
- Use weed free: forage for livestock, mulch for ground cover, gravel, fill material and topsoil.
- Avoid transporting weed seeds on clothing, pets, livestock, recreational vehicles (ATVs) and ranch equipment.
- Avoid driving in noxious weed infested areas with your vehicle and then traveling to unaffected areas.
- Clean all construction, fire and ranching equipment before entering the WMA.
- Confine livestock for two days in a small weed-free pasture before moving them into the WMA.
- Do not implement vegetation treatment projects if invasive species are present and not treated.

### MAINTAIN HEALTHY PLANT COMMUNITIES

- Re-seed disturbed areas immediately after disturbance ends with an appropriate perennial plant mix to slow the invasion of invasive species.
- Defer livestock grazing on re-seeded areas for at least one growing season for establishment of seedlings.
- Restrict travel to established roads and trails.
- Avoid overgrazing.
- Develop an Integrated Weed Management Strategy for each species found.

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