



YAMPA RIVER LEAFY SPURGE PROJECT

“... working together to establish an effective program of integrated management for leafy spurge...”

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Created maps of 4 reaches of the Yampa River with MapItFast for mapping of leafy spurge infestations including: river miles, property ownership and landowner access permissions.

Moffat County contracted to treat by horseback for the 2nd treatment TePee Draw (15+/- acs) with funds from the 2017 CDA Weed Fund Grant.

Routt County contracted to treat for the 2nd treatment West of Hayden (100+/- acs) as match for the 2017 CDA Weed Fund Grant.

Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project (YRLSP) members participated in a survey of Little Yampa Canyon and Juniper Canyon to understand the feasibility of mapping the canyon's leafy spurge infestations.

Awarded a \$16,000 2018 Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) Weed Fund Grant.

Approved Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement with Friends of the Yampa for funding of future grants

Organized the 2018 Show Me Float from Dorsey Beach to Pebble Peach with a barbecue at Loudy Simpson Park (23 participants).

Organized two Leafy Spurge Pulling Trips in Dinosaur National Monument as match for the 2017 and 2018 CDA Weed Fund Grants.

Routt County contracted for treatment (15+/- acs) West of Hayden with funds from the 2018 CDA Weed Fund Grant.

Approved Prof. Dan Tiekela of the University of WY Plant Science Department as lead for the YRLSP Research Grant to include: mapping and predictive modeling, integrated management including targeted grazing on 3 to 5 sites, and education with engaging youth in biocontrol in the management of leafy spurge.

Approval by the YampaWhiteGreenRoundtable (YWGRT) of \$89,000 for the Research Grant out of their Basin Funds from the Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) Water Supply Reserve Funds.

Approval by CWCB of \$89,000 from the YWGRT Basin Funds for the YRLSP Research Grant.

Created and mailed a Yampa River adjacent landowner letter (173 landowners) explaining the YRLSP and requesting assistance in leafy spurge management.

Identified 100+/- acs as next leafy spurge treatment site south of the Yampa River adjacent to the Routt and Moffat County Line including: a SLB parcel, and 3 adjacent landowners.

Updated the YRLSP website with new graphics and expanded information.

Continued educational outreach to groups (158 individuals) in Routt and Moffat Counties explaining the leafy spurge infestations and their threat to riparian habitats and agricultural lands and requesting their assistance.