



YAMPA RIVER LEAFY SPURGE PROJECT

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

FINAL YAMPA RIVER LEAFY SPURGE PROJECT 2021 GOALS

1. Complete CWCB Grant in coordination with University of Wyoming Plant Science Department. (Group, UWY Grad Students Hannah and Chloe)
2. Work collaboratively with CSU Extension, BLM, CPW and NRCS to organize a youth education field event June 29-July 1 that focuses on leafy spurge and biocontrol. (Tamara, Chris, Jessica, Tyler, Baili)
3. Complete mapping of Yampa River leafy spurge infestations: 5 miles in Axial Basin above Juniper Campsite, Cross Mt. Canyon, and Cross Mt to Deerlodge. (Pete, Ben)
4. Complete an accuracy assessment of Chloe’s leafy spurge remote sensing data. (Pete, Tamara, Ben)
5. Continue the outreach to landowners in Routt and Moffat counties to educate and get their permissions for mapping and leafy spurge beetle releases. (Tiffany, Jesse, Baili, Group)
6. Obtain at least 10,000 biocontrol insects in collaboration with CDA staff, to be released on 10 new sites in priority areas. If more insects are available, they will be distributed to additional sites. Distribution will be determined with priority given to sites that support the objective of boosting biocontrol insect populations throughout the entire Yampa River corridor, with emphasis in 2021 on Little Yampa Canyon, Axial Basin, and Dinosaur National Monument. (Biocontrol volunteer group, John Kaltenbach)
7. Biocontrol outreach event. Collaborate with NRCS and county weed staff to organize a field tour of biocontrol sites for private landowners in July. (Tamara, Bali, Tiffany, Jesse, Laurel, Group)
8. Continue the updating of the YRLSP website (Pete)
9. Moffat County Weed and Pest to monitor the treatments on the Peroulis property on Four Mile Creek, and to report on the success of the different chemical treatments used. (Jesse)
10. Routt County Weed Program to continue to monitor the management of the leafy spurge infestation on Iron Springs Ranch near Stagecoach Reservoir. (Tiffany, Todd)
11. Continue Dinosaur National Monument leafy spurge mechanical removal and mapping of the leafy spurge infestations (Emily)
12. Continue to work with and support partners in their implementation of integrated leafy spurge management strategies. (Jesse, Chris, Tiffany, Baili)
13. Organize the 2021 Show Me Float in Little Yampa Canyon for June 25–26. (John, Ben)

14. Reports to supporting organizations: YWGRT (Tamara), FOTY Board and Yampa River Fest (Ben), MC and RC BCC (Tim, Group), CDA (Ben), CO First Conservation Dist (Ben, John), IWMP (Lindsey) and the YRSLP (John).
15. Create a Five Year YRLSP Report with identifiable future projects and funding sources. (Ben, Group)