



YAMPA RIVER LEAFY SPURGE PROJECT

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

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1. Work collaboratively with CSU Extension, BLM, CPW and NRCS to organize a Youth Education field event that focuses on leafy spurge and biocontrol and includes an expansion of youth groups. (Tamara, Chris, Jessica, Tyler, Baili, Laurel)
2. Obtain permission from Cross Mt Ranch and other landowners in order to map from West Cross Mt to DNM Deerlodge Park for leafy spurge infestations. (Pete, Ben, John)
3. Continue the outreach to landowners in Routt and Moffat Counties to emphasize the knowledge and information regarding the management of leafy spurge gained through the research and efforts of the YRLSP. (Tiffany, Jesse, Baili, Group)
4. Obtain at least 10,000 biocontrol insects in collaboration with CDA Palisade Insectary staff or purchase from other sources and prioritize releases in Little Yampa Canyon and the commitments to J Quarter Circle Ranch and other private landowners who request releases. (Tamara, Biocontrol volunteers, John Kaltenbach)
5. Biocontrol outreach event. Collaborate with NRCS and county weed staffs to organize a field tour of biocontrol sites for private landowners in July. (Tamara, Bali, Tiffany, Jesse, Laurel, Group)
6. Continue monitoring recent biocontrol release sites with YRLSP protocol (approximately 10 sites/year). These efforts are necessary to determine effects of biological control over time and will help us determine whether insect populations are growing large enough in particular areas to allow for hosting local catch-and-take biocontrol insect events. We appreciate the support of NRCS in processing soil samples from release sites. (Tamara, and all other willing volunteers)

7. Dinosaur National Monument to conduct leafy spurge mechanical (hand pulling) and biocontrol releases in DNM. (Emily)
8. Continue the updating and revisions of the YRLSP website (Pete)
9. Routt County Weed Program to continue to monitor the management of the leafy spurge infestation on Iron Springs Ranch and adjacent lands near Stagecoach Reservoir. (Tiffany, Todd)
10. Continue to work with supporting partners in their implementation of integrated leafy spurge management strategies. (Jesse, Chris, Tiffany, Baili)
11. Organize the 2022 Show Me Float in June from Dorsey Beach to Loudy Simpson. (John, Ben)
12. Report to the Yampa White Green Basin Roundtable on the CO Water Conservation Board Grant with significant findings. (Tamara, Patrick)
13. Reports to supporting organizations: FOTY Board (Tamara), FOTY Yampa River Fest (Ben), MC and RC BCC (John, Ben), CDA (Ben), CO First Conservation Dist (Ben, John, Laurel), RC Conservation Dist. (Baili), IWMP (Lindsey) and the YRSLP (John)
14. Create a Seven-Year YRLSP Report with update of the YRLSP Six-Year Report (Ben, Group)
15. The YRLSP to hold discussions internally and with Partners regarding a Succession Plan to set a course for the future management of leafy spurge in the Yampa Valley. (Group)