

Colorado State Conservation Board 2009 Matching Grants Project: Turkey Creek Conservation District: Weed Control in Pueblo County

What natural resource problem(s) did the project address?

In Colorado, counties and municipalities have the authority and responsibility to enforce the Colorado Noxious Weed Act for the control of noxious weeds (C.R.S. 35-35-5.5). Noxious weeds degrade land and can severely impact its ecological and productive value. Noxious weeds are classified as A, B or C listed - with List A species being small enough populations to require statewide eradication and B and C species requiring containment or suppression according to their management requirements.

Pueblo County and Turkey Creek Conservation District are partnering to establish a county-wide weed control program to help enforce Colorado state weed law and protect land for ecological and production benefits. CSCB matching grant funds were used to help launch this effort by providing noxious weed treatment cost-share to landowners to stimulate on-the-ground action from educational and publicity efforts.

What was achieved?

- Through a contract between Turkey Creek Conservation District and Pueblo County, **launch of noxious weed control program managed by Turkey Creek Conservation District and hitherto unavailable in Pueblo County.**
- **106 landowners applied for inclusion of 13,400 acres** in the Turkey Creek Weed Control program.
- **53 landowners committed to Integrated Pest Management Contracts** for optimum effective and sustained noxious weed control over several years.
- **39 landowners received \$13,670 in cost-share to treat noxious weeds** this first growing season.
- **50% cost-share with maximum of \$1,000 per landowner**
- **Publicity efforts to launch the program included Home Owner Association meeting presentations, news articles and radio advertisements, web site development, flyers, postcards, poster displays and distribution of magnetic calendars and noxious weed identification booklets.**
- **Program administrator position funded by Pueblo County and over 600 hours of District board member volunteer time used to implement program. Supported by Colorado State Weed Coordinator.**
- For 2010, South Pueblo Conservation District also will be involved with implementing the Pueblo County Weed Program

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available for 2009! Now is a great time to deal with your noxious weed problem!

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Yellow Star Thistle
Featured Species

Welcome:

Hello and welcome to the Pueblo County Weed Management website. Weed management in Pueblo County has been placed in the care of the Turkey Creek Conservation District and we are here to help you with your weed control needs through technical assistance and cost share programs. Please feel free to browse our site and please take the time to look at our weeds in pueblo county page! You never know when you could have a small villain that can cause a big problem!

Target Species :

- Myrtle Spurge (Euphorbia myrsinites)
- Yellow Starthistle (Centaurea solstitialis)
- Bouncingbet/Soapwort (Saponaria officinalis)

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Jointed Goatgrass
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Turkey Creek Conservation District launched a Weed Control Program to serve landowners and help the county in its noxious weed control responsibilities.

Education, technical help and cost-share are all services offered to landowners.

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