

NOTES from January 13, 2011 Weed Summit Meeting

BARRIERS

There is not one point of contact for subdivisions
Limited resources * including State budget cuts
County Extension Agent as Weed Supervisor – creates conflict
Timely Education (Spring – April)
Narrow window of time to treat
Hard to treat when neighbors are not treating
Getting land owners to cooperate
Perception of harm to spray – education
Absentee lot/land owners
Gap with cities
Liability
Land coming out of CRP

OPPORTUNITIES

Grants
Weed organizations from State down to grassroots
*Education/harm? Partnering (e.g. NRCS; TVTAP)
Weed Control Advisory Committee (for education)
Revenue through spraying to help fund department/contracts
Program = capital, staffing, equipment, etc.
(threshold = 10+ acres then private)
Use website for education & treatment requests
Property owner agreements / enforceable for “No spray zone”
Weed taxing district (all counties but Teton currently)

NEXT STEPS

Enforcement with education
Updated Assessment / inventory (2004 last GPS Count done)
Recouping costs
Better communication with County Agent
Weed control committee / bonding through approval process
USE FFA kids to help map/inventory/education
Get HOAs solvent
Weed Control District & Operating Plan
Resources: intern for follow-up inspections; online complaint form (anonymous);
Equipment for rent
Education
Trailer (Fremont County Ext. Office)
Coordinate with Spring clean-up
Website
Info on costs / contractors
City mailing