

Weeds of Conejos County 2010

**Examples of weeds being controlled by
the Conejos County Weed District
around our county.**

- Many of these weeds have become a serious threat to our county.
- Not only are weeds unsightly, but they depress the value of our land as well as the quality of the agricultural products we produce.
- Weeds such as Leafy Spurge and Yellow Toadflax are highly invasive and, if not constantly controlled, will become our next Ironweed here in our county.

Leafy Spurge – Alamosa River



Leafy Spurge-Alamosa River



Leafy Spurge after spraying



Yellow Toadflax



Yellow Toadflax after spraying



Hoary Cress, CR W West of La Jara



Iron Weed from last year, Sanford



White Weed West of La Jara



White Weed, Cat Tail in Sanford



Weeds on County Property near La Jara



Golden Pea-in many areas of County



Iron and White weed in Wetlands near Pike's Stockade



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Wetland weeds



Iron Weed on Wetlands near Pike's Stockade



Bind Weed east of Sanford



Bind Weed is becoming a problem



Tamarisk in La Jara



Pat spraying Tamarisk near Pike's Stockade



Ditch Companies and individual landowners have participated in our cost share program this year.

The following pictures represent areas of the county that have been GPS mapped and sprayed.

Union Ditch near Capulin



Iron Weed on Union Ditch



White Weed on Union Ditch



White Weed on Price farm



Iron Weed on Price farm



Bind Weed in Bountiful, Dunn Property



Russian Knapweed on CR BB near Alamosa County line



Iron and White weed, Lara place



Canada Thistle at Ray Lara's



Canada Thistle on La Del Rio Ditch



Canada Thistle West of La Jara



Canada Thistle on Sandoval Farm



Canada Thistle in Bountiful



Thistle after spraying



Richfield Ditch



Iron Weed on Richfield Ditch



Iron and Knapweed on Richfield Ditch



Russian Knapweed north of La Jara



Sowards farm near Manassa



Sowards farm near Manassa



Iron Weed on Sowards Farm



Canadian Thistle on Sowards Farm



Pat spraying Sanford Canal



Sanford and Ephraim Canals



La Sauces Ditch



Double XX Ranch



Juvie Lopez farm



Russian Knapweed, Dennis Mortensen farm



Tressesa Martinez Ranch



San Juan Rafael Ditch



Anna Marie Ortiz place



McCarroll Ditch West of Mogote



Knapweed on Mark McCarroll farm



Common Mullin was sprayed on Edna Latini property



Canada Thistle on George Gallegos farm



Iron Weed on Vaughn Miller farm



Iron Weed on Josh Waters farm



Iron Weed on Jimmy Dunn Farm



Knapweed on Miller Ditch



Ephraim Canal Weeds



Iron Weed on John Shawcroft Ranch after spraying



Kochia Weed at office



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We have shown you some of the areas and weeds we have sprayed for the benefit of the residents of Conejos County.

Other properties mapped and sprayed but not shown are:

- the Morgan Drain system
- Alice Trujillo
- Chey Yund
- Michael Bush
- the Morgan Ditch Co.
- Byron Quintana

Each of those areas contained serious infestations of noxious weeds and were financially assisted in spraying the weeds.

The Conejos County Weed District has been instrumental in assisting over 320 people with nearly \$20,000 worth of weed spraying.

We have GPS mapped approximately 103 linear miles of ditches, canals and agricultural fields.

We have worked with the GIS-GPS authority of Alamosa to download data and create a map showing the type of weeds and the areas sprayed.

We have...

- taken more than 600 pictures of weed infestations
- given presentations at several ditch board meetings
- visited with many land owners promoting noxious weed control
- and offered financial assistance through our cost share program.

Figuring hours spent on this project alone at the allotted \$18.00 per hour and mileage at fifty cents per mile, we have contributed over \$6000.00 of in-kind service.

Thanks to the assistance of our County Commissioners, we have more than met the 2/1 matching funds required by the Department of Agriculture grant.

Landowners throughout the county have received assistance, not just those within the Weed District.

We have made a great effort to demonstrate to the land owners in Conejos County that the Weed District is here to help, not hurt.

We are trying to show county residents that the money we receive will be used for their benefit, and not just to pay some lazy high priced weed supervisor to sit in the office all day.

Thanks to S.L.V. RC&D, the Conejos County Weed District Board of Directors, the Conejos County Commissioners, the landowners who have participated this year, the landowners within the weed district and to any and all who have contributed in any way to the success of this program.



Thanks to Pat Vannoy, our certified weed sprayer, without whose help our program could not have succeeded.

A very special thanks to residents of Conejos County who, on their own, have made an effort to control the noxious weeds on their property.

**We feel that we have had
a very successful year.**

This is the end of the slide show but
not the end of the weeds

Keep on spraying.