

2022 Management Plan

For Rawlins County

Robert Simminger Jr., County Weed Director

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the coming year.
 To educate people to get active in controlling noxious weeds.
 Inform people of the County Cost Share Program.

Specify the goals and priorities of the program for the next five years.
 Continue with the County Cost Share Program.

Describe the areas which noxious weed species are known to occur within the county and specific locations of new infestations and areas particularly susceptible to new infestations.

Field bindweed	Cultivation, range, right of ways, urban areas
Musk thistle	Cultivation, range, right of ways, urban areas
Sericea lespedeza	None
Johnsongrass	None
Bur ragweed	Cultivation, right of ways
Canada thistle	Cultivation, range, right of ways
Hoary cress	None
Leafy spurge	None
Quackgrass	None
Kudzu	None
Russian knapweed	None

List any non-noxious invasive weed species you plan to control and the types of integrated weed control methods you plan on using on them.

Currently no other species

List your planned integrated weed management goals and procedures, including but not limited to biological control agent selection and distribution, pesticide selection and application and cultural and mechanical controls.

Biological Controls

Weevils in musk thistle introduced in 1978

Chemical Controls

Tordon 22K, LV 2-4D 5# & 6#, Milestone, Ally

Cultural Controls

Mechanical Controls

Mowing musk thistle and bull thistle

Estimate the projected personnel, operations, and equipment costs of the proposed program.

Personnel costs	18,700
Operations costs	44,00
Equipment costs	None

List the methods you plan to use to encourage compliance and the enforcement actions you will take if necessary.

Verbal communication first
Warning letter
Legal notice sent by county attorney

List your plans for working with state and/or federal agencies to control the noxious weeds on state and/or federal lands.

Rawlins County contracts an independent sprayer to control noxious weeds on State right of ways.

Describe your education and outreach plans for the coming year. Include training and professional development for yourself and your staff. (Attend District meetings? Annual Conference? Recertification?)

Attend district meetings when possible.
Recertification classes in person or on line.

List the facilities and equipment available for use in managing the noxious weeds in your county, including a list of the equipment available for rent to the public and the rent you charge.

All noxious weed spraying in Rawlins County is done by private contractors.
 A chemical cost share voucher system is used for chemical vendors and applicators.

Noxious Weed Department Employees			
Name	Title	Years of service in the Nx Wd Dept.	# Jobs within the county
Robert Simminger Jr	Noxious weed director	20+	1

I certify that this is the official 2022 Management Plan of Rawlins County

R. Simminger Jr, County Weed Director 1-28-22
 Date

Mark Morley, County Commissioner 1/28/22
 Date

Liz Perley, County Commissioner 1/28/22
 Date

Alan Dolko, County Commissioner 1-28-22
 Date