

Goshen County Weed & Pest NEWSLETTER

WINTER HAPPENINGS HERE AT GCWP

Winter office hours, Mon-Thurs, 7am-5pm

WYOMING WEED AND PEST COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

- The first week of November is taken up by the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council Fall Conference
 - Each year a different area of the state host conference, we've traveled from Evanston, Cody, Cheyenne, Casper, Newcastle, etc.
 - At fall conference committees and business meetings take place that involve invasive weed laws, invasive species within Wyoming and action plans in each county for weed control.
 - These events impact daily activities of Weed & Pest Districts (i.e. agency collaboration, new treatment options, legislative updates, etc.)
- WWPC gets back together in the spring for a workshop
 - Meet up on topics discussed at fall conference and attend courses to better improve each districts programs



SHOP WORK

- Conduct repairs, updates, and maintenance on sprayers, tanks, vehicles, ATV's, trailers, mosquito traps, etc.

STATE FUNDING

- Many know that GCWP offers cost-share for several weed and pest programs, funding is possible through state grants
- Emergency Insect Management (grasshoppers/mosquitoes), Prairie Dog Control, Dalmatian Toadflax
- Compile and analyze summer application information for State highway, county road, CRM, leafy spurge expenditures and cost analysis



EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

- Newsletters are sent out at the beginning of each month as an ongoing outreach to Goshen residents
- Social media engagement and AG classroom visits

PRAIRIE DOG & TOADFLAX APPLICATIONS

- Oct. 1- March 15 Kaput Prairie Dog Bait is available
- Coordinate Dalmatian toadflax aerial applications
- GCWP works with landowners all winter on treatment for prairie dogs

For more information on all available county programs visit goshenweedandpest.com or state wide programs wyoweed.org.

BUCKTHORN

There are all sorts of weed species that are constantly establishing in new places. Here at the GCWP office we receive plant clipping of (most the time) known species, but others have us puzzled. The latest and greatest plant that was brought in from a Goshen county resident was Common Buckthorn. Buckthorn is extremely hardy and able to thrive in a variety of soil and light conditions. Buckthorn leafs out earlier in the spring and holds its leaves later into fall, allowing it to continue to grow when most native species are dormant.

- Clusters of black fruit berries ripen on female plants only in August and September
- Containing 3 -4 seeds that are viable for 2 -3 years in the soil
- The berries can have a severe laxative effect on some birds, even strong enough to result in death
- Common buckthorn is a host plant for soybean aphids

- Control can be labor intensive
- Larger shrubs will need to be cut and treated with herbicides
- Smaller shrubs can be removed by hand pulling or digging



STAY IN THE KNOW

- Oct 31-Nov 3 - WWPC Fall Conference (office closed)
- Nov 10 - GCWP Board Meeting
- Nov 24 - Thanksgiving (office closed)