



# Weed & Pest Happenings

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## Events:

- Board Meetings:  
Jan 9: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne  
Feb 6: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne  
March 5: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
- Private Applicator Class  
(To Be Determined)

## CLOSED:

January 1, 2020  
New Year's Day  
January 20, 2020  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 17, 2020  
President's Day

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## Why Should I ?

Why? Why should I be thinking about noxious weed control this time of year? It is winter outside – it is cold, snowy, icy, and, of course, windy. This is Wyoming!

Well, there are a few things that can help you get a head start on your noxious weed control this year.

- \* Think of what weeds were a problem last summer.
- \* Check the supplies you have on hand. What supplies do you need to begin spraying? Chemicals, spraying equipment, personal protection equip., etc.
- \* Will you need to get a Private Applicator License? Yes, if you plan to purchase any Restricted Use Pesticides, such as Tordon.
- \* When & Where is a Private Applicator Class? The date & time for our Class isn't determined yet. Usually in January or February. Call for info. Cost? There is no fee to attend. Just sign in.
- \* The Class includes a verbal review of pesticide laws & regulations. Also training in pesticide use safety, handling, groundwater contamination, misuse, public concerns, disposal, and the proper use and calibration of your equipment.
- \* Call (307) 245-3213 if you have any questions or need any further information.

## Plains Pricklypear Cactus

Plains pricklypear cactus is a pain in your grasses, and sometimes in your ... tires!

It's a spiny, perennial, native plant to the Great Plains. It reproduces from stems or seeds. The fruit is an oval shape, and isn't spiny. It is not poisonous but the spines can cause injury.

Pricklypear cactus has no forage value for livestock unless the spines are burned from the plant as the ranchers did in the 1930's during the Dust Bowl.

When treated with herbicides, pricklypear is very slow to show any symptoms, die and go away. The more cactus that is controlled, the faster the native grasses can grow back.