



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- Board Meetings:
April 5 – Little Bear Inn 6:30pm
May 10 – Archer Office 7 pm
June 7 – Weed & Pest Office
Pine Bluffs, WY 7pm
- CLOSED
Monday, May 28, 2018
for Memorial Day
- June 21 – Summer begins

Contact Us:

- Pine Bluffs (307) 245-3213
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1 pm to 5 pm
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Impact of Weeds

The harmful effect weeds have on the land can be divided into two categories: land-use effects and ecosystem effects.

It is typically easy to see the negative effects weeds have on decreased crop or rangeland yields, decreased water availability, decreased land value, and animal poisonings along with increased management costs to control them. These are all land-use effects.

Ecosystem effects are more difficult to specify. We see the ecosystem effects through competition with native plant species and wildlife habitat degradation, for example, but they are difficult to determine the monetary value of.

Weeds compete for light, nutrients, and water which results in reduction of crop yields and loss of rangeland forage if they are not controlled. Each landowner or manager must compare the cost of weed management to the loss of crops or rangeland.

The harmful effect of weeds can also be increased by conditions such as drought and over-grazing.

Dalmatian Toadflax

Dalmatian Toadflax (pictured above in the upper left corner) is a huge problem in Laramie County. Sure it looks so pretty like some snapdragon flowers but be assured it is a noxious invasive weed.

Dalmatian Toadflax is a perennial, often up to 3 feet tall. It has light green dense alternating leaves clasping the stem. The flowers are bright yellow tinged with orange. The roots are vigorous, deep, extensive and creeping. It spreads by seeds and the creeping roots.

Dalmatian Toadflax is aggressive and crowds out desirable forage. An extensive deep root system plus waxy leaves makes it very difficult to manage.

Contact us for assistance if you find Dalmatian Toadflax on your property.