



**What You Should Be Doing Now!**

If you didn't get a chance to take out the camper and associated fishing gear over the Memorial Day Weekend, making sure everything is in order for when you do get that opportunity is a good place to start. If you did haul the camper and yourself into the hills over the Holiday, organizing and prepping for the next adventure is in order.

What does that have to do with weeds you ask... well if you are like me I prefer to spend less time on weed related tasks and more time recreating on our fabulous public lands—specifically hiking with a bit of camping thrown in! Staying on top of any weed management issues allows for more leisure time with your family. *As far as weeds go, you should be tackling the newest flush of annual weed growth AND if you have whitetop, you should or should've applied herbicide if you find infestations to large to manage with mechanical means.*

Notice I said *newest* flush of annual weeds. You should have already mechanically removed or applied herbicide (if necessary) to that first flush of winter annuals (germinate in late summer/fall). If you have those nuisance mustards- both tansy and tumble that are flowering or have begin setting seeds with heavy stiff stems, save your resources! As our former Supervisor Bob Parson's used to say "Applying herbicide to weeds that are in the later growth stages is just revenge!"

Time to bring out the brush hog !

*Tumble mustard*



**Whitetop**

There are several species of what is commonly known as Whitetop (*Lepidium draba/pubescens*). Whitetop is an aggressive invader from Europe. A complex perennial it reproduces by creeping root segments and seed. It is commonly found on disturbed sites along road ways, field edges, and excavations. It is also a widespread weed of pastures, cultivated fields, meadows and grows particularly well on saline soils.

**Control**

*Prevention is by far the easiest way to control Whitetop!* Due to the highly viable seeds (84%) this species is easily spread by any earth moving activities. **Small infestations of just a few plants can be mechanically removed by pulling, grubbing, hoeing, etc.;** however, these methods may not remove the entire root system. Removing large infestations by hand are not effective and will do nothing to stop the expansion of the extensive root system. Cultural controls including good pasture management is advantageous to keeping this and other weeds both noxious and nuisance at bay. Maintaining healthy desirable forage can limit weed infestations. Dividing pastures is possible even on smaller acreages via electric fencing. Keep pastures watered and fertilized if possible. Supplement hay if you need to. This species is not readily grazed. *Remember, hay is cheap, land is valuable.* Herbicides in the sulfonylurea family (Escort® or Telar®) have proven to be very effective on this species—even with one application; however, continual monitoring and re treatments will be necessary to keep your property free of this invader as seeds lay dormant in the soil for several years.

*Whitetop seeds*



*mature plant*



Watch out for Whitetop's look alike! Field pennycress (*Thlaspi arvense*)

Annual or winter annual that may easily be mistaken for Whitetop. This species has a strong odor when crushed. Seeds of this species are flattened winged disks with a notch at the apex.



# GOT WEEDS?

Let the staff at **Park County Weed and Pest Control District** assist you with your land management needs.



From on-site consultations and weed management plans, to chemical recommendations and sales, rental equipment and cost share opportunities, PCWP can put the right tools in your hands.

For detailed information on the services we provide to Park County residents, or to reserve any of our available equipment, please contact

**Park County Weed and Pest**

307-754-4521 or 307-527-8885

or check us out on the web!

[www.parkcountyweeds.org](http://www.parkcountyweeds.org)

## URGENT Noteables

**Dalmation toadflax, leafy spurge and spotted knapweed!**

If only a few plants of these species you may pull them (continually monitor). If you have too many to pull, please contact us ASAP to receive the most effective herbicide available at NO COST!! Using a small amount of the correct product at the correct time is LESS harmful to the environment than allowing these aggressive invaders to continue to spread... potentially into our backcountry wilderness areas! Don't Delay!

Dalmation toadflax leafy spurge s. knapweed



If you have time to read this...  
...then you have time for weeding!

**The Cody Shed**

Hours Monday-Thursday 7:30-8:30AM

Fridays 7:30-noon.

**The Meeteetse Shed**

Hours Vary! Call ahead.

307-272-1787

**Cost share is Available for Most Noxious species!**

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