

Garfield County Vegetation Management
Bookcliff, Mount Sopris & South Side Conservation Districts
2022 Noxious Weed Cost Share Program for Ditch Companies



- **On-site visit required by Garfield County Vegetation Management (970) 945-1377 x 4305 or the Conservation District (970) 404-3450 *before* application is accepted.**
- **Cost share funds will be limited to \$125 an acre (\$250 total cost), maximum of \$1000 per ditch under 5 miles in length, \$1250 for ditches between 6 and 10 miles, and \$1,500 for ditches over 10 miles. Reimbursements may be up to 50% of costs for using a licensed commercial applicator. Reimbursement funds are limited, therefore ineffective materials, incorrect rates, less than optimum treatment timing, and off label treatments will not be cost shared. Reimbursements are only considered for materials and services purchased in this calendar year. A 1099 will be issued to all payments over \$600. If you want your full reimbursement you **MUST** put the ditch company tax identification number on the application.**
- **If you are a new participant, you **MUST** complete and turn in the attached W9, including tax identification number.**
- **We **MUST** have acres and weeds treated. Only Colorado State Department of Agriculture approved treatments will be reimbursed. For more information go to: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-species>; scroll down to find your weed and click on the name; click on your weed's "fact sheet" link; you will find treatment options on second page OR give us a call and we can mail you the fact sheets @ 970-945-1377 x 4305 or 4315.**
- **Paid receipt *or* canceled check required before reimbursement is made. As always, invoice with chemicals used and application rate required. Paid commercial applicators invoice **MUST** have commercial applicators license number on the bill.**
- **All applications are subject to review by the Noxious Weed Cost Share Review Committee which consists of representatives of Bookcliff, Mount Sopris & South Side Conservation Districts and the Garfield County Weed Advisory Board.**

Please note deadlines on following pages.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE APPLICATION IS FILLED OUT IN ITS ENTIRETY.
AN INVOICE IS NOT AN APPLICATION.**

CALL THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT 404-3450 IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION.

All State of Colorado listed noxious weeds (A, B, C and Watch List) are now eligible for reimbursement through the Garfield County & Conservation Districts cost-share program. **Species on the Garfield County Weed List will be given priority for reimbursement.**

Garfield County Weed List:			
Absinth wormwood	Black henbane	Bouncingbet	Bull thistle
Canada thistle	Chicory	Chinese clematis	Common burdock
Common tansy	Common teasel	Corn chamomile	Curly dock
Cutleaf teasel	Cypress spurge	Dalmatian toadflax	Dame's rocket
Diffuse knapweed	Hoary cress	Houndstongue	Jointed goatgrass
Leafy spurge	Mayweed chamomile	Meadow knapweed	Mediterranean sage
Musk thistle	Myrtle spurge	Oxeye daisy	Perennial pepperweed
Plumeless thistle	Poison hemlock	Purple loosestrife	Russian knapweed
Russian olive	Salt cedar/tamarisk	Scentless chamomile	Scotch thistle
Spotted knapweed	Sulfur cinquefoil	Yellow starthistle	Yellow toadflax
Other State of Colorado List-A species eligible for reimbursement:			
African rue	Bohemian knotweed	Camelthorn	Common crupina
Dyer's woad	Elongated mustard	Flowering rush	Giant knotweed
Giant reed	Hairy willow-herb	Hydrilla	Japanese knotweed
Medusahead	Orange hawkweed	Parrotfeather	Rush skeletonweed
Squarrose knapweed	Tansy ragwort		
Other State of Colorado List-B species eligible for reimbursement:			
Eurasian watermilfoil	Moth mullein	Wild caraway	Yellow nutsedge
Other State of Colorado List-C species eligible for reimbursement:			
Bulbous bluegrass	Common mullein	Common St. John's-wort	Cheatgrass/downy brome *
Field bindweed	Halogeton	Johnsongrass	Perennial sowthistle
Poison hemlock	Puncturevine	Quackgrass	Redstem filaree
Velvetleaf	Wild proso millet		
State of Colorado Watch-List species eligible for reimbursement:			
Asian mustard	Baby's breath	Bathurst burr/spiny cocklebur	Brazilian egeria/Brazilian elodea
Caucasian bluestem	Common bugloss	Common reed	Garden loosestrife
Garlic mustard	Himalayan blackberry	Hoary alyssum	Japanese blood grass/cogongrass
Meadow hawkweed	Onionweed	Purple pampas grass	Scotch broom
Sericea lespedeza	Siberian elm	Swainsonpea	Syrian beancaper
Tree of Heaven	Water hyacinth	White bryony	Woolly distaff
Yellow flag iris	Yellow bluestem	Ventenata grass	

*Garfield County Vegetation Management and the Bookcliff, Mt. Sopris and South Side Conservation Districts encourage the treatment of cheatgrass (downy brome) to aid in creating defensible space and fire fuel remediation

2022 Garfield County / Conservation Districts' Noxious Weed - Ditches Cost Share Application
For Ditch and Irrigation Canal Companies

Please read and fill out entire application. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.
YOUR INVOICE IS NOT AN APPLICATION. No exceptions.

Return to: Conservation District-Att: Noxious Weed Cost Share Program
258 Center Dr.
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
Emily Schwaller
970-404-3450 Email: garpitcd@gmail.com

Application deadline is July 8, 2022 (spring) and November 4, 2022 (fall). Receipts must be turned in by due date.

Land location (legal description to nearest 1/4 of 1/4 section): _____

Ditch Company: _____ Landuser: _____

Mail address _____ Mail address _____
City _____ Zip _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ Phone Number _____

NEW PARTICIPANTS: Please include Social Security Number on completed W9 Form (attached)

Send Correspondence to: _____ Direct questions to: _____

MUST BE SIGNED BY DITCH COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE
Release and Indemnity Agreement for Weed Cost Share Program

All participants in the Garfield County / Conservation Districts' Weed Cost Share Program must sign this release.

1. The undersigned wishes to participate in the Noxious Weed - Ditches Cost Share Program, as described in the Weed Management Plan attached to this Application, for the purpose of controlling the weeds specified on the project area map included in the Weed Management Plan and for the protection of property throughout Garfield County.
2. The undersigned is a volunteer Weed Cost Share Program participant, is over 18 years of age, and is a representative of the ditch company to which the Weed Management Plan will be applied.
3. The undersigned acknowledges that control of weeds through the use of herbicides and mechanical and other methods can be dangerous or hazardous activities. The undersigned also acknowledges that there may be hazards not immediately apparent in the use herbicide, mechanical and other methods of weed control. The undersigned, therefore, certifies that he/she will strictly adhere to herbicide label restrictions if he/she applies a herbicide, rather than obtaining application services, and will exercise caution in the use of all other methods of weed control.
4. The undersigned, aware of these factors, undertakes activities in the Weed Cost Share Program at his/her own risk and releases the Board of Commissioners of Garfield County, the Garfield County Vegetation Management Department, the Garfield County Weed Advisory Board, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bookcliff, South Side, and Mount Sopris Conservation Districts, their employees and agents and all members thereof, in their personal and official capacities, from any liability whatsoever resulting from any injury to the undersigned or the undersigned's real and personal property due to or related to the undersigned's participation in the Weed Cost Share Program. This release applies whether dangers or hazards are, or are not, apparent to the undersigned.
5. Further, the undersigned agrees to fully defend and indemnify the entities and individuals, named in Paragraph 4, from any claim or lawsuit or loss by any third party (ies) resulting from the undersigned's participation in the Weed Cost Share Program, including application of herbicides to the undersigned's land.
6. Nothing in this Release and Indemnity Agreement shall be construed as or is intended to be a waiver of governmental immunity under Colorado law.

Signature of Ditch Company Representative: _____ Date _____

Weed Management Plan

Name: _____ Address: _____

*Pre-application on site visit by Garfield County Vegetation Management (945-1377 x 4305) **MUST** be verified by signature below before application is accepted and at least two weeks prior to weed treatment. Make an appointment early!*

Garfield County Vegetation Mgt.or Conservation District employee 970-404-3450 Date _____

1. Targeted weed _____
2. Total acres _____ Current amount of infested acres _____
3. Describe the areas you plan to treat.
4. Attach detailed map of project area showing location of weed infestations. Include: species labels, stand densities, north arrow, any ditches, roads, fences, buildings, etc; and any other important information. Free mapping is provided by the Conservation Districts (Call 970-404-3450 to schedule an appointment.)
5. What methods of treatment will you use?
 - a. Herbicides. List product name and rate and timing of application.
 - b. Grazing. Describe grazing plan and timing.
 - c. Mechanical. Describe method. (Mowing, cutting, pulling)
 - d. Alternative methods.
 - e. Revegetation. What and when you plan to reseed.
6. Name of professional weed control company.
7. Amount spent: _____ Amount requested: _____

It is your responsibility to fill out 1-6. not your professional applicator. YOUR INVOICE IS NOT AN APPLICATION.

Please read each bullet and initial:

- ____ I understand that reimbursements are limited to \$125 an acre (\$250 total cost), maximum of \$1000 per ditch under 5 miles in length, \$1250 for ditches between 6 and 10 miles, and \$1,500 for ditches over 10 miles
- ____ I understand that I am eligible for up to a 50% reimbursement for treatments made by a licensed commercial applicator. I have attached copies of all relative invoices and receipts for each application or purchase made
- ____ I understand that my application must include total property acres as well as acres treated, and a detailed map attached showing the project area, location of weed infestations with species labels and stand densities, and any other important information including North arrow, ditches, roads, fences, buildings, etc.
- ____ I understand that the Conservation Districts will map my property free-of-charge and this map can be included with my application (to schedule apt call 970-404-3450)
- ____ I understand that it is my duty as the land owner or land manager to properly fill out and sign this application, and make sure it is turned in on or before the due dates mentioned in #4 above - NOT the responsibility of my hired contractor

Signature of ditch company representative: _____ Date: _____

Bookcliff, Mount Sopris & South Side Conservation District
Garfield County Vegetation Management
258 Center Dr., Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
970-404-3450

**Noxious Weed - Ditches Cost
Share Policy**

1. Will cost share up to \$125 an acre (\$250 total cost), maximum of \$1000 per ditch under 5 miles in length, \$1250 for ditches between 6 and 10 miles, and \$1,500 for ditches over 10 miles.
2. Provide separate map for each property showing weed species and location. Map must show physical address and north arrow.
3. Separate receipt and bills must be provided for each application. Duplicate receipts on another application will result in disapproval of both applications.
4. Professional or paid applicators must provide state pesticide applicators license number. Payment will not be made without documentation.
5. Homeowners Associations (HOA's) may only submit applications for common areas within a subdivision (for example: open spaces, roadsides, or utility easements). Applications for individual lot owners within a subdivision must be submitted and signed by the property owner of record.
6. Application must be easily understood, neat and concise. Weed spray work must not be mixed with other lawn care, landscaping activities.
7. Payment will be limited to \$100 per tamarisk or Russian olive for urban setting; case by case basis for rural setting.
8. State the preliminary amount you expect cost share on.
9. Cost share only on the weeds listed on the application.
10. Treatment shall be proven science based. When chemicals or soil amendments application are used, rates must met EPA label requirements. Only approved treatment methods by Colorado Department of Agriculture will be cost shared.
11. Separate property, same ownership will require separate tax id number if two applications are received.
12. Seeding will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Seeding must be a best management practice to control or prevent weeds, not as production of hay, pasture or rangeland.
13. Equipment can be reimbursed on a case by case basis, with the maximum remaining at \$1000 per landowner. Such equipment cannot be used commercially.
14. The review committee consists of landowner volunteers from the Conservation District Boards and the Garfield County Weed Advisory Board. Applicants shall not contact the review committee individually to discuss the project. All projects will only be discussed and selected by the review committee on the predetermined committee meeting date(s). Applicants are welcome to attend the review committee meeting. Contact the Conservation Districts for review committee meeting date (s) if interested. Acceptance of the application by the District, NRCS, or Garfield County staff does not constitute approval of the application by the review committee.

This policy was developed and approved on January 13, 2009 by representatives of Garfield County Weed Board, Bookcliff, Mount Sopris and South Side Conservation Districts. Updated January 2010. Updated July 24, 2012. Updated January 15, 2014. Updated April 6, 2016.