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“Ob”Noxious Weeds and “Ob”Noxious Pest Education

The Situation

Lemhi County is home to many “ob”noxious weeds and “ob”noxious pests and residents need to know how to identify and control them. The Lemhi County Extension office is responsible for pest and weed identification in the county, but the reference materials in the office were inadequate. The Extension office also takes the lead in education programs in regards to control of “ob”noxious weeds and recertification classes for restricted use pesticides.

Our Response

- “OB”Noxious Weed Town Meetings: Town meetings on noxious weeds were held at five locations in Lemhi County the first two weeks in May. Presentations were given on plant identification, cultural, chemical and biological control. The importance of mapping noxious weeds was discussed. Participants took a pre and post test on weed identification, control methods and pesticide safety. Two recertification credits were available for those needing credits.
- “OB”Noxious Weed Posters: Weed identification posters were distributed throughout the county. The goal was to make those utilizing recreational vehicles aware of noxious weeds and how they are spread.
- “OB”Noxious Weed Identification: Plants are much easier to identify from live and pressed specimens than from pictures. The education

committee and Extension Educator planted and maintained live specimens, taking care to keep all seed heads trimmed back, to be utilized in educational workshops and displays.

- “OB”Noxious Pest Identification: Residents of Lemhi County utilize the U of I. Extension office as a resource. The current resources were updated using funds from the IPM grant money.

Our Goals

- Increase the number of insects and plants that can be identified immediately so that control measures may be taken sooner.
- Increase the number of residents that can identify noxious weeds and utilize multiple control methods.
- Assist licensed applicators in receiving recertification credits.

Achievements

The “OB”Noxious Weed Town Meetings provided the opportunity for 42 people to increase their knowledge about identifying and controlling noxious weeds. The pre and post test indicated that 50% of attendees increased their ability to identify the five most common noxious weeds in Lemhi County and their knowledge of how to control them.

Other beneficial achievements:

- Increase in weed questions coming into the County Extension office



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- Greater number of insects and spiders identified at the county level
- 23 people obtained recertification credits for their restricted use licenses
- Live plants were utilized to teach individuals plant identification

Works in Progress

- Pressed plant specimens will be complete in 2001.
- Display board will be completed in 2001
- “Weeds of the West” postcards will be utilized for weed identification education

In-Kind Contributions

- High Country RC&D: Weed Wanted Posters
- Bill Smith, Lemhi County Resident: Plant press

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