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Weed Control is a Full Time Job in Blaine County!

The Situation

Weeds are a serious problem in Blaine County. Many areas of the county are infested with noxious weeds, especially knapweed. Control depends on the landowner being able to recognize the problem plants and then initiate a control method. Control methods don't always involve herbicide sprays, but can include cultural methods such as a mechanical control or control by competition. Even biological methods will aid in weed control.

Our Response

To assist the residents of Blaine County with their weed control problems, the University of Idaho Extension staff provides weed identification and control recommendations. Help is also available through the County weed control department.

During the months of May through August, an Idaho Master Gardener is available to identify weeds and discuss control every Monday afternoon. This plant clinic is located in the Extension Office in Hailey.

Cooperators and Co-Sponsors

Other programs in Blaine County focus on awareness. The University of Idaho provides an informational booth on weed identification and control at the Earth Day festivities in Ketchum in April.

Achievements

Classes, such as the Urban Weed Control Seminar held in 1994, helped landowners identify weed problems and learn about control methods. In mid

summer of 1994, an advertisement in local newspapers alerted citizens not to let knapweed go to seed. Accompanying pictures helped landowners to identify knapweed plants

The Future

University of Idaho faculty are also conducting studies aimed toward replacing ugly and noxious weeds in disturbed soil along roadsides and other areas with grass and wildflower mixtures. Control by competition by an attractive grass and flower mix will not only result in more pleasant views, but reduce labor needed for control and pesticide use! Seeding plots can be observed along the bike path near Myrtle Street in Hailey. Featured at the plot site is an interpretive sign supplied by the Wood River Resource and Conservation District. This sign explains the use of competition to control weeds.

For more information

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