Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area

What have we done to make this successful?
Insanity

Keep doing what you have always done and expect different results
The Elements of Our Program

- Grants
- Past Projects
- Present Efforts
- Future Plans
Grants

- Utah Weed Supervisor’s Association
- SARE—Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
- Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- UDAF Grazing Improvement Program (GIP)
- Manti-LaSalle Forest
- Matching is done with local labor and equipment, and county budgets
Past

- Electric Lake
- Emma Park
- Range Creek
- Icelander Wash
- Biological Controls
- Education
Electric Lake

- Musk Thistle
- Canada Thistle
- Dalmatian Toadflax
- Yellow Toadflax
Emma Park

- Musk Thistle
- Houndstongue is becoming a problem
Range Creek

- Musk Thistle
- Knapweed
- Tall Whitetop
Nine Mile

- Musk Thistle
- Canada Thistle
- Black Henbane
Icelander Wash

- Russian Knapweed
Biological Controls

- Tamarisk—*Diorhabda elongata deserticola*
Biological Controls

Musk Thistle

- *Rhinocyllus conicus*—present
- *Cheilosia corydon*
- *Trichosirocalus horridus*
Biological Controls

- Canada Thistle—*Urophora cardui*
Biological Controls

- Biological controls do not eliminate their food source
- They do help maintain plant diversity
Education

- Tamarisk Bio-control Workshops
- Display board
  - Fairs and local events
  - Education kits
- Brochures
- Signs at Projects
- Diner place mats
- Local Weed Education Week
- Calendars
Present

- Annual Planning Meeting
  - Progress of past projects
  - Identify areas for upcoming year
    - Old
    - New
  - Plan IPM as much as possible
  - Assignments
  - Schedule projects
  - Coordinate grants
Future

- Monitor and continue old programs that are working
- Weed information kiosks at trailheads
- Green River Russian knapweed project
- Sovereign Lands
- River application equipment
- Coordinate more with landowners to increase size of weed army
  - Education at homeowner association meetings
  - Provide equipment and chemical to landowners where practical

- Price River Restoration Project
- Boy Scout Project
  - Buckhorn Draw
  - Joe’s Valley
Why are we successful?

- True partnership
- Regular, frequent meetings
- Develop an annual plan and work it
- Someone is in charge of finding and writing grants
- Someone is in charge of accounting
- All are in charge of reporting back
- Grant writer is typically in charge of reporting back to grantor
- Evaluate the success of projects and realign if necessary
Ways to Improve

- Grantors need to simplify the reporting process
- CWMA gather accurate data on the day of the activity
- Be more creative in use of grant funds (in-kind contributions for all projects were excessive)
  - Equipment expenses
  - Mileage
  - Determine before the project how much it will cost for each piece of equipment on the ground
Questions?