

Utah Weed Supervisors Association Grant Proposal Scoring Criteria

(USFS Funds Awarded to CWMAs in Utah)
April 2006

Grants submitted to the Utah Weed Supervisors Association are for the controlling and eradication of noxious and invasive weeds. Proposals must employ any or all of the following techniques:

- Early detection & rapid response
- Treating critical acres that protect larger forested areas
- Monitoring and preventing the spread of small populations and new introductions
- Monitoring established infestations
- Education & Awareness

Consideration for project funding includes **core** and **specific** criteria evaluations.

Core Criteria

1. _____ (20 points) **Cooperation** – is the applicant a CWMA, have partners, involve an active weed board and a County Weed Supervisor?
2. _____ (15 points) **History** – does the applicant have funding history? Are reports in and on time and have funds been properly spent?
3. _____ (15 points) **Description/Need** – does the applicant adequately explain who, what, where, why, and how?
4. _____ (15 points) **Cost-Share** – does the applicant show an appropriate cost sharing?
5. _____ (20 points) **Integrated** – Does the applicant show how this project implements early detection and rapid response to critical acres?
6. _____ (15 points) **Impact** – does the applicant show a way of assessing outcomes and impacts. Are sufficient acres treated, inventoried, and monitored? For example, acreage estimates should be divided by 20 to estimate return on investment (\$5000 request divided by 20 = 250 acres or more).

Total Score _____ (100 points possible)

Resources will be allocated based on availability of funding.

Specific Criteria

Funding for these grants is provided by a special appropriation from the United States Forest Service. In addition to the core criteria there are specific criteria for USFS grants as outlined below.

1. _____ (15 points) – making progress toward or a signed **CWMA agreement and Strategic Plan**

2. _____ (15 points) – **current map** of the area. Do they give an estimate of people outreach?

3. _____ (20 points) – county or counties involved must have an **active weed board**

4. _____ (20 points) – **cost share** basis of at least 50%/50%

5. _____ (20 points) – project(s) must be in **forested areas** with 10% canopy cover or land adjacent or associated to the forested lands. Does the applicant explain how the project will protect forested areas involved?

6. _____ (10 points) – grant **ending date** is December 14, 2007 (final report due on or before Dec. 15, 2006)

Total Score _____ (100 points possible)

Core Total _____

Specific Total _____

Cumulative Project Total _____