

PRAIRIE COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

NOTES AND NEWS

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Weed Board Offers Cost-Share

As noxious weeds become an increasing concern for landowners in Prairie County, the Weed Board strives to be supportive of landowners addressing the problem.

The Prairie County Weed Board is offering a cost-share of up to \$500 per individual for those producers who are actively involved in controlling targeted noxious weeds on their properties in Prairie County. In the 2020 spray season, the Weed District invested nearly \$22,000 in cost-share funds.

For those landowners who do their own noxious weed spraying on private land, the cost-share is 60% of the chemical cost up to the \$500 limit. The landowner just needs to keep the chemical receipt and fill out a Request for Cost-Share form to be eligible for the cost-share. The form can be picked up at the Prairie County Extension Office.

If a landowner would like to hire the county weed crew to spray noxious weeds on rangeland, the Weed Board will cost-share 35% of the total spray bill up to the \$500 limit. Weed District fees for 2021 are \$20 per man per hour plus a \$60 per hour equipment fee. To make arrangements for the crew to spray on your property, contact Weed Supervisor Travis Lacquement at 635-4433.

With more than 880,000 acres of rangeland in Prairie County, The Weed Board recognizes that it is not possible for the Prairie County Weed Crew to spray for every landowner in the county. To ensure that as many producers as possible can be reached, the Weed District will spend up to three days on a landowner's private property then move on to the next person on the list. If time allows at the end of the season, the Weed District may return to spray more days.

The Prairie County Weed District will also support landowners who hire their own commercial applicators to spray by offering a cost-share of 35% of the total spray bill up to the \$500 limit.

Noxious Weed Control on BLM



The Prairie County Weed District contracts with the BLM to do some noxious weed spraying in the county. Contact Travis Lacquement at 406-635-4433 if you would like the county crew to do any spraying on BLM. The BLM will also provide chemical to permittees who wish to spray their own allotment's noxious weeds. Permittees need to have a current applicators license, sign a form with the legal location of where they intend to treat, and submit the pesticide application record to the BLM by September 15th of each year.

Noxious Weeds on County Roads

The Prairie County Weed District is available to spray noxious weeds found along county roads. The spray crew typically checks the roads as they drive out to spray for private landowners and on public land. If the crew isn't in your area and you notice noxious weeds along the road, please let the Weed Coordinator know. Specific locations and flagging the spots will help ensure the patches are not missed.

Spray Tank Program

Another service offered by the Prairie County Weed District is a spray tank purchase program where the Weed District can help landowners purchase spray tanks for ATV's and UTV's at a discounted rate. Weed Coordinator Travis Lacquement will also assist any producers in calibrating their sprayers, new or old, in May this year.

