

Eddy County Coordinated Weed Management Group
3219 S Canal, Carlsbad NM
Notes from June 17, 2009

Attendees:

Judy Bock – Carlsbad SWCD

Jim Carr - NMSLO

Ray Keller – BLM CFO

Lewis Derrick – Eddy County Comm.

Raquel Montoya – NRCS

Jimmy Spears - NMDOT

Mel Balderrama – WIPP Site

Ray Chapler – Brantley Lake State Park

Chris Dawson – Living Desert State Park

Nancy Painter – Carlsbad SWCD

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Discussion and Updates

Bureau of Land Management-Carlsbad Field Office (BLM-CFO) – Ray Keller presented maps with total acreage treated to date in 2009. He stated the crews have treated Malta Starthistle, African Rue, and mesquite in Eddy and Lea County. Keller also stated that he has tested several different treatments for saltcedar re-sprouts and will be keeping track of how each treatment works.

Living Desert State Park – Chris Dawson reported she has two seasonal workers that are helping her with Malta Starthistle and silverleaf nightshade. At this point she has been successful with removing the Tree of Heaven.

NM Department of Transportation – Jimmy Spears stated the highway department had been treating Malta Starthistle and African Rue in small areas along the right-of-ways. He expressed concern about the Malta Starthistle and juniper along Highway 137 within the forest service boundaries. Raquel Montoya stated she would catch Mike Atkinson and talk to him about it.

WIPP Site – Mel Balderrama stated that they had been working with the BLM to get the mesquite treated along the right-of-ways.

Brantley Lake State Park – Ray Chapler reported the Caverns YCC group would be starting removal of saltcedar around the lake. He had also been treating patches of bull thistle. Chapler stated the BOR is currently doing a study on the zebra muscle.

NM State Land Office – Jim Carr continues working with the BLM, NRCS, and NMDOT.

Eddy County Commission and Central Valley SWCD – Lewis Derrick reported that treatment had been done for African Rue in Cottonwood Draw and mesquite in Eagle Draw.

NRCS – Raquel Montoya stated that they are working with Alisa Ogden to treat Malta Starthistle in Cass Draw.

Comments

Judy Bock gave those present a copy of the updated New Mexico noxious weed list as of April 2009 and mentioned doing a proper treatment and identification workshop for local landowners during the winter months.

The next meeting of the Eddy County CWMA is tentatively set for September 2, 2009, 10 am, at the Carlsbad SWCD office.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.