



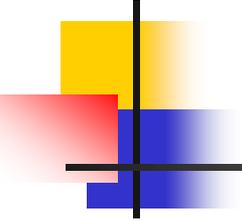
THE MAN AMONG  
THE WEEDS



What is the definition of a weed ?

**Answer:** Any plant that is growing out of place.





# What make's a plant Noxious?

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- **Answer:** An Invasive Plant that has been proven injurious to our Agriculture and Recreational and Natural Environment's





**So WHY DO WE CARE!**



# Other Reasons Weeds Are Bad?

- A plant is usually considered a weed when it interferes with beneficial uses of land or water.
- Affects animal health.



# What Weeds Take Away.

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- Weed aggressively compete for moisture.
- Nutrients
- Space
- Sunlight



# What Weeds Take Away.



- In water they can hinder fish growth and reproduction.
- Promote mosquito production.
- Hinder boating, fishing, and swimming.
- Clog irrigation ditches, drainage ditches, and channels.

# What Weeds Take Away.

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- Release toxins in the soil which inhibit growth of desirable plants.



# What Weeds Take Away.

- Skin and eye irritants.
- Poison to humans.



# What Weeds Take Away.

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- Obscure vision on right-of-ways by blocking signs, guideposts, crossroads.
- Increase mowing costs
- Hinder travel



# What Weeds Take Away.

- Displaces desirable or native plants.
- Increase fire potential and frequency.



# What Weeds Take Away.

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Contaminate  
agriculture products,  
Harbor pest  
insects, mites,  
vertebrates, or  
plant disease agents



# Other Facts!

- Invasive weeds typically invade where human activities have caused disturbances.
- Such as road construction, non-intensive farming, poorly managed grazing or logging, urban development, and high impact recreation.



# Natural Disturbances.

- Large natural disturbances such as drought, fires, and floods may also play a role in the spread of invasive plants.



# What's Done About It?

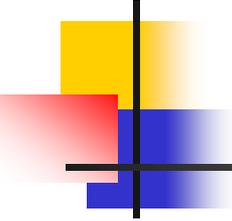


- State Noxious Weed Law



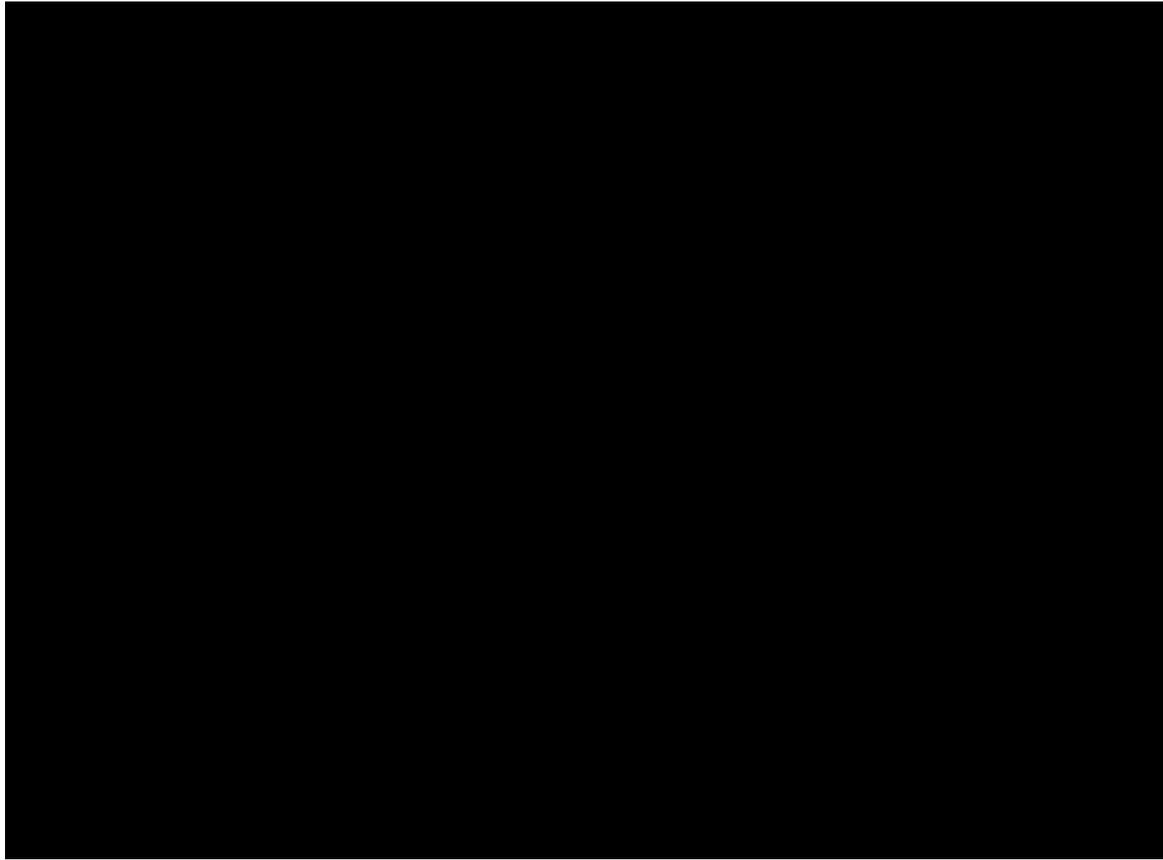
# County Policy & Program





# Other Tools!

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# Do Bugs Really Make A Difference?



# Diffuse Knapweed



# Purple Loosestrife



# Salt Cedar (Tamarisk)



# Leafy Spurge



GET INVOLVED TODAY!

