Project Summary

The project named *Noxious Weeds* will be done with the Emery County Weed and Mosquito Department. Our tasks include reducing and maintaining control of the noxious weeds within the county boundaries and other counties when working in combined efforts and maintaining the department equipment. To be able to engage in this type of work people will have to be licensed with the Utah Department of Agriculture to be able to handle the herbicides and pesticides. This work is a public service work that will help keep mountain and desert trails, private croplands, and places unique to the county free of noxious weeds that would harm and displace native plants. This will help local and tourist peoples enjoy the county for what it is. We will work with people in protecting the land from invasive plants and keep crops and livestock safe. Projects on public lands will be combined efforts with the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, DNR, DWR, and Carbon County Weed and Mosquito Department as part of the Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA).

Project Highlight

Last on the calendar was using the tract machines to control purple loosestrife out by the desert lakes which is a stopping spot for migrating flocks. The weeds can grow so thick that it will choke out all native plants.   Since access to these wet spots is not possible with trucks or side by sides retired army tract machines with 300 gallon tanks are loaded up and taken out to these sites.

From My Journal

13AUG-15AUG12-Purple Loosestrife Control

Tract machines were used to control purple loosestrife by desert lakes and swamp fields. Ensuring a natural habitat for migrating flocks.

Two tract machines are loaded onto a trailer and pulled out to the Desert Lakes project site with the Peter Bilt, where we begin to treat the purple loosestrife.

Two tract machines were always taken out because even though they can go through 40 inches of mud and water even they would get stuck occasionally.