

## PROJECT SCOPE

This new, 3-year program is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service under a Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) grant, and implemented by the Conservation Services Division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA).



*Spotted knapweed*

The purpose of the program is to build local weed programs to detect and eradicate six currently uncommon noxious weeds before they gain a significant foothold in Colorado's Eastern High Plains. By targeting these emerging invasives in the plains, small, outlying patches can be eradicated before they become huge, costly problems for local communities. The target species are diffuse knapweed (*Centaurea diffusa*), Russian knapweed (*Acroptilon repens*), spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*), Dalmatian toadflax (*Linaria dalmatica*) and leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*). Saltcedar or tamarisk (*Tamarix spp.*) will be targeted only in the Republican River Watershed due to funding limitations.

## PARTNERSHIPS

Communities are strongly encouraged to create partnerships among conservation districts,



*Leafy Spurge*

weed programs, counties, watershed associations, NRCS field offices, CSU extension, private landowners and others -- in order to obtain grant funds for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Awards will be made to community partnerships with weed management plans based upon scouting and mapping species' abundance and distribution in their area. The grant application period begins January 14, 2008 and ends March 14, 2008.



## ASSISTANCE

CDA will assist communities and landowners form partnerships, provide educational presentations and literature, and assist with current methods in the field to help scout, map, and treat these species. Presentations are available on *The Project, A Partnership Success Story, Plant Identification and Control,*



*Tamarisk or Saltcedar*

*and Integrated Weed Management.* Through early detection and management of these six invasive species, we hope to preserve the ecological and economic values of healthy, sustainable grazing lands in eastern Colorado.

### STEPS IN THE PROCESS TO TAKE

- IDENTIFY THE TARGETED SPECIES
- BEGIN MAKING PARTNERSHIPS
- CONTACT HIGH PLAINS WEED SPECIALIST
- START THE GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

## GRANT OVERVIEW

This project targets six currently uncommon noxious weed species on the Eastern High Plains of Colorado. It is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative. The purpose of the project is to build and support partnerships in local communities, to control and eradicate these six species before they gain a significant foothold in eastern Colorado. CDA will make available technical and financial resources to community partnerships.

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*Dalmatian toadflax*



*Russian knapweed*

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## High Plains Invasives Project



*Diffuse knapweed*

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