

Now is the Time – To Pull Your Knapweed

The population is exploding and if left unattended it will become a serious epidemic reminiscent of the 1980's and early 90's. Your neighbors toiled hard to eradicate the weed population then, but it can come back quickly!

Knapweed is a Federally listed noxious weed because of the economic losses and environmental damage it causes.

Now is a great time to eradicate it because it is fairly easy to identify and it has not yet cast its millions of seeds. These seeds will then remain viable, stored in the soil, until environmental conditions are right if not eliminated.

Pull all of the knapweed roots and all, and dispose of it in your garbage. Leaving it on the side of the road or on the ground doesn't accomplish much because the seeds can continue to ripen and sprout in place.

Identifying knapweed: The flowers are "showy", mainly purple to pink and occasionally white-ish. Adult plants range from 18-30 inches tall. Check the Deschutes County noxious weed site or the WRHOA website for pictures. Witness a local population growing under the Fire Danger Sign on the corner of Knott and China Hat (don't have an accident if you are driving). Also view a bad case on the corner of Pine Vista and Woodside Loop (located on the NW corner on the Pine Vista side). It extends from the road for a considerable distance onto the lot. The population was spread by mowing the native grass. It is scary.

Pull your weeds!

Call me if you need help in identifying (541-639-7869)!

Call the County Weed Department and ask them to control the weeds on Woodside Road, Knott Road and China Hat Road!

Thanks!!! Rob Evans