

CONSERVATION CORNER

Weed and Pest Treatment Cost-Share

Spring is just around the corner as our snow is beginning to melt back. With that, ground squirrels and weeds will be popping their heads out of the ground, and it is time to plan how you will control them. With the increased cost of chemicals, you are likely wondering if there are any cost share opportunities available. Yes, there is!

The County Weed and Pest Program continues to offer a \$300 cost share program on many weed treatment chemicals. They provide grasshopper and Mormon Cricket poisons free of charge. Additionally, the White River and Douglas Creek Conservation Districts secured a matching grant from the Colorado State Conservation Board for cost share opportunities. The Districts are partnering with the County to provide landowners an additional \$300 cost-share opportunity to control both weeds and ground squirrels. If a landowner purchases \$1,200 or more of qualifying chemical, they may use both the County's and Districts' \$300 cost-share for a total of \$600 (landowner pays \$600). If you only need \$300 worth of chemical you will qualify for \$150.

Landowners are encouraged to stop by the District office at 351 7th Street in Meeker and pick up a weed and/or pest voucher, each for \$300, to be presented to Jane Turnburke at the County Weed and Pest Department. Please bring a simple map of your property showing where and what species you will be treating. The District staff can help you with a map if needed.

Restricted use squirrel chemicals will need to be preordered so please contact Jane ASAP. The County Weed and Pest Dept. will be open from 7:00 a.m. until noon on Thursdays beginning April 6th.

Please contact Jane at the County Weed and Pest Department 970-878-9670 for chemical and County cost share information or the District office at 970-878-9838 for more information on the District cost-share vouchers.

