

IDAHO PANHANDLE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RAC PROJECT INFORMATION FORM

PROJECT NAME: Meadow Creek Tansy Ragwort	
Project Sponsor: Palouse Cooperative Weed Mgmt Area	
Sponsor's Address:	Clearwater RC&D Council Inc. P.O. Box 9576 Moscow, ID 83843
Sponsor's Phone:	208-877-0104 (Shayne Watkins, Project Coordinator)
Project Location: (Township/Range/ Please attach map) T. 43 N. R. 3 W.	
Partners/Volunteers: Idaho State Department of Lands, Latah County, USFS Palouse RD, and USFS State and Federal Private, Bennett Lumber Company, University of Idaho PSES, University of Idaho Experimental Forest, Montana State University, Idaho Transportation Department, Nez Perce Biocontrol Department, Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute, Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association	
Is NEPA Complete On This Project? Yes	

Brief Description of Project:

Tansy Ragwort is a noxious weed which is poisonous to livestock present in the Meadow and Gold Creek drainages of the Palouse River. The majority of the population lies in Benewah County west of Hwy 6 near the Giant White Pine campground, upstream from several thousand acres of pasture, rangeland and hay ground. Thanks to the funding from the North Idaho RAC, this weed has been kept in Pandora's box. In fact, the areas being treated have decreased significantly since 1999. We anticipate being able to lower our funding request for 2010.

The Palouse CWMA continues to use chemical and mechanical control on the Tansy Ragwort. Focusing on roadsides, trailheads, camping areas, and the perimeter areas, spray contractors will be used for chemical control.

The Tansy Ragwort continues to be inventoried separate from our general inventory. The inventory will focus on the perimeter of the Tansy ragwort infestation, so we can monitor the rate of spread of the Tansy Ragwort. We will also inventory and monitor as we spray. Plants are GPSed and recorded. Current year maps will be compared to previous year's maps to determine the spread of the Tansy Ragwort, and to see if what we are doing is working.

Funding permitting, 2009 will be the fifth year of releasing *Longitarsus jacobaeae*, the Tansy Ragwort flea beetle. This beetle has successfully overwintered twice and we hope to continue to rear some at the site. This benefits not only that local site, but other populations of Tansy in North Idaho could be treated with these insects.

EXPECTED OUTCOME AND BENEFITS:

Employ 2 contractors for 3 weeks. Estimated acres mapped – 500. 500 miles of road and trail inventoried - Estimated acres treated, herbicide – 40 acres. Estimated acres treated, bio control – 50 acres.

PROJECT COSTS:	
RAC Funds Requested:	\$20,000
Partnership Funds Available (Including F S Dollars):	\$6,600
In-Kind/Volunteer Time:	
Other Sources of Funding:	ISDA \$5,000

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:
<p>Idaho Panhandle RAC Attn: Ranotta McNair Idaho Panhandle National Forests 3815 Schreiber Way Coeur d’Alene, ID 83815</p> <p><i>For questions regarding submission, please contact Suzanne Endsley (208-765-7369).</i></p>

