

# Leave No Weeds



Spotted Knapweed

## WHY ARE THEY BAD?

Noxious weeds are exotic plants that crowd out native vegetation. They upset the delicate balance of nature and spoil our beautiful landscapes. These invasive plants:

- Decrease diversity
- Degrade wildlife and fish habitat
- Reduce water quality
- Increase soil erosion
- Reduce recreation opportunities



Leafy Spurge



Houndstongue

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### Be Aware & Prepare

- ✓Clean and check your clothing, footwear, packs, bikes and equipment for weed seeds
- ✓Brush animals before and after back country trips to remove weed seeds
- ✓Feed stock certified weed seed free feed several days before and during your trip
- ✓Learn to identify noxious weeds found in this area (Contact your local Extension Office or Weed District)



Oxeye Daisy



Canada Thistle

### Protect Weed Free Areas

- ✓Stay on established roads and trails
- ✓Keep dogs on leash
- ✓Camp only at existing campsites
- ✓Avoid traveling or camping in weed infested areas
- ✓Avoid disturbing vegetation and soil



St. Johnswort

### Pull & Pack Out Weeds When Possible

- ✓Pull weeds when soil is moist in the spring and fall to get the entire root system and kill the plant - Wear gloves
- ✓Pull only weeds you can identify
- ✓Pulling is most effective on taproot species such as knapweed, musk thistle and houndstongue
- ✓Bag and pack out seed producing parts. Be careful not to spread seeds on the way home!
- ✓Dispose of seeds in a sanitary landfill or burn them



Common Tansy

### Report It!

- ✓Report small or new weed infestations to the responsible land management agency or landowner
- ✓Bring in a sample for identification
- ✓Report location of weed infestations found in wilderness areas on wilderness registration forms



Dalmatian Toadflax



Sulfur Cinquefoil



PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR WILD PLACES  
BY PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS



Orange Hawkweed