

**2008  
GYCC Accomplishment Report  
Upper Stillwater River Co-Op  
Weed Management Project**

**Project Background**

- Project involves; a multi year/multi agency effort to treat, monitor and map Noxious Weeds in the Upper Stillwater River corridor.
- Project location is from the; Absaroka-Beartooth wilderness boundary to the confluence of the West Fork of the Stillwater, ¼ mile both sides of the river.
- Agencies/Private Landholders include; Stillwater Mine, NRCS, Stillwater County Weed District, Montana FWP, USDA Forest Service, Cathedral Mountain Homes, Mouat Estates, AEI and Weed Warriors (contract applicators), Key-O Ranch and over 90 smaller landholders and the Montana Conservation Corp (pulled weeds in 2007).
- The Upper Stillwater Weed Management Area was created to coordinate weed education, monitoring and treatment among all the landowners and jurisdictions.
- Weed education occurred through news articles, brochures, weed pulling days and community picnics.
- Treatment and monitoring occurred through a combination of county weed spraying contract, community spray days and each cooperator working together to treat and monitor weeds.
- Partial funding from a three year (2006-2008) NRCS GLCI Grant (Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative) in the amount of \$122,000 (cooperators had to match this amount).
- GYCC supported this project with grant funding in fy 06, 07 and 08.
- GYCC grant funding in fy 08 was \$7,500.

## **History of Accomplishments Forest Service Portion of Project**

### **2006**

- Field Days - 12
  - Spray Days - 9
  - 240 hours Monitor/Map
  - 76.25 hours Herbicide Application
  - 22 Acres Treated (predominantly knapweed)
- #135 Trash Bags of Knapweed (MCC)

### **2007**

- Field/Treatment Days - 12
- 340 Hours -Treat/Map/Monitoring
- 18.4 Acres treated (predominantly knapweed)
- 40 Hours Planning/Meeting
- Cost to Forest Service - \$6,860.00 Labor - \$5,100.00 Equipment/Supplies
- Total Cost to Forest Service \$11,960.00

### **2008**

- Field/Treatment Days-14
- Spray Days-10
- 310 Hours Herbicide Application
- 40 Hours Monitoring/Mapping
- 40 Hours Planning/Meeting
- 42.1 Acres Treated
- Cost to Forest Service - \$7,200.00 Labor - \$4,600.00 Equipment/Supplies
- Total Cost to Forest Service - \$11,800.00