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Learn what you can do to stop Invasive Plants

In 2008 Yellowhead County's Agricultural Services department and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development initiated a multi-stakeholder group to discuss weed collaboration within Yellowhead County. Anyone in Yellowhead County who has an interest in weed or invasive plant management is encouraged to participate in the Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiative.

In the summer of 2009 the Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiative had great success with its first year of efforts in the Brule area. 25 workers including Yellowhead County Agriculture Services staff, Junior Forest Rangers, Mountain Pine Beetle crews, RAP crews and Forest Health Staff worked for five days cleaning up roadsides, riparian areas, gravel stockpiles, waste transfer sites, and fire look-out towers. During that week in July, the crews hand-picked 2500lb of Canada Thistle out of a riparian area and 500lb of Spotted Knapweed.

To continue our effort into 2010 we would like to invite you to an:

Invasive Plant Information Open House April 15, 2010 at 1:00pm-3:00pm Brule Community Hall

Representative from Yellowhead County Agriculture Services and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development will be available for any questions you may have about the Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiative 2010 program, weed control options, and new invasive species to watch out for.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Yellowhead Invasive Plant Initiatives 2010 summer effort please call Sarah Kehler at 1 800-814-3935 email: skehler@yellowheadcounty.ab.ca or Caroline

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