Local Weed Advisory Board Meeting

August 19th, 2026

9:30-10:30am

BoCC Conference Room 398 Lewis Street Pagosa Springs CO 81147

Roll Call

- Call to order
- **Present: Cindi Galabota, Lisa Jensen, Lisa Vail, Eric Fisk, Warren Brown, Ethan Proud**

Minutes 1/28/26 (Old Business)

- Vote to accept or amend
- **Lisa Vail recused herself as she was absent at the previous meeting**
- **Warren motioned to approve, Cindi seconded, all in favor**

Department Operations

- Have treated County Roads in Chromo, Arboles, and off 84, 160, and 151.
  - Still need to treat 500, 700 and Pagosa Lakes Area Roads
- Completed 90+ private properties will treat around 110 by the end of the season
- Completed FS contract, Hinsdale county roads, will be treating the Pagosa Skyrocket Natural Area again this fall
- Received 25 biocontrol releases from the Palisade Insectary
  - New agents: whitetop gall mite and spotted/diffuse knapweed weevils
- Sent out approximately 50 educational letters to landowners-focused on knapweed in the 84 corridor
  - Plan to send out another 20-30 letters
- 117+ herbicide sales (below average)
- 183+ applications

New business

- None

Comments from Board Members

- Observations and concerns for this season
- **General discussion surrounded current drought, weeds being delayed or early in going to seed due to conditions, and scheduled fall work. Grant update on CDA Noxious Weed Fund and America the Beautiful Challenge Grant. Questions regarding thistle on Harman Park Drive-Ethan will do a site visit and collaborate with the Town of Pagosa Springs if needed.**

Schedule next meeting and adjourn

- October
- **October 7th and 930am**
- **Adjourned**