

The Iron County Noxious Weed Department has successfully established funding partnerships with multiple organizations, including the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City, Enoch City, the USDA Forest Service, and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food through the Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) program. These partnerships aim to address the spread and impact of invasive species, fostering collaborative approaches to conservation and land management.

### **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

#### **Total Funding: \$240,843.52**

Allocated as \$60,210.88 annually over four years, this project, titled *Iron County Partnership Color Country Restoration*, unites efforts to manage invasive species hotspots across private, county, city, and BLM lands. By pooling resources, expertise, and jurisdictional authority, this collaboration prioritizes strategic treatment efforts outlined in the ISM plan. The project not only aligns with state and federal mandates but also sets a standard for addressing invasive species on a significant scale. Key activities include developing treatment plans with local stakeholders and increasing public education efforts, particularly through schools, using tools like videos, field days, and interactive presentations.

### **Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) Grant**

#### **Total Funding: \$42,242.00**

This grant supports the *I-15/Surrounding Parcels Iron County* project. Efforts focus on retreating prior grant-funded areas, such as the Iron County Hoary Cress Project and Kanarra Hills Drive Fire, while expanding treatment to bordering private and BLM lands. Targeted species include Scotch Thistle, Hoary Cress, White Top, and Spotted Knapweed. This partnership framework enhances resource utilization to protect native ecosystems while demonstrating proactive conservation measures.

### **Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) Grant**

### **Cedar City**

#### **Total Funding: \$21,500.00**

The *Cedar City CWMA* project addresses invasive species within city limits, particularly areas affected by a recent annexation. Previously managed by the county, these parcels faced delays due to budgetary constraints and miscommunication regarding jurisdiction changes. This funding ensures timely weed control efforts that complement adjacent county treatment projects, benefiting the local environment and community.

## **Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) Invasive Species Mitigation (ISM) Grant**

### **Enoch City and E&I Conservation District**

#### **Total Funding: \$5,500.00**

The *CWMA-Enoch* project targets invasive species hotspots in disturbed soils within Enoch City. As a result of commercial development, areas are now infested with Scotch Thistle and Hoary Cress. Collaborative efforts include educating landowners on identification and treatment while documenting chemical use and abatement effectiveness. Quarterly progress reports ensure ongoing accountability and the promotion of soil health.

### **USDA Forest Service**

#### **Total Funding: \$68,029.00**

This agreement involves Garfield, Iron, Washington, and Kane counties. It focuses on inventorying, mapping, and treating noxious and invasive species across the Dixie National Forest and adjacent lands. The partnership supports the Shared Stewardship initiative, enabling large-scale conservation efforts by combining resources and expertise.

Through these comprehensive projects, the Iron County Noxious Weed Department and its partners are paving the way for enhanced invasive species management, ecological conservation, and community education. These initiatives underscore the importance of collaborative action and proactive measures in preserving the health of local ecosystems.