

# UTAH COUNTY WEED CONTROL BOARD MEETING

**Approved Minutes  
November 17, 2025  
In Person Meeting  
Utah County Commission Conference Room  
51 S. University Ave, Provo, Utah 84601**

Board Members: Skyler Beltran, (Utah County Commissioner)  
Dean Miner, Vice Chairman, (Extension Office)  
Rex Larsen, (Farm Bureau)  
Sid Smart, (Farmer)  
Kim Evans, (Farmer)

1. Meeting called to order- Skyler Beltran 1:06 p.m.
2. Introduction- Roll Call

Skyler Beltran -Utah County Commissioner  
Dean Miner- Board Member, Vice Chairman  
Kim Evans- Board Member, Farmer  
Brittany Thorley- Utah County Deputy Attorney  
Sam Coombs- Utah County Road and Weed Division Manager  
Tricia Rogers- Utah County Senior Office Specialist  
Jake Johnson- Utah County Weed Supervisor
3. Approve the minutes from the January 27, 2025, meeting

No comments  
Motion to approve: Dean Miner  
Seconded by: Kim Evans  
Passed unanimously
4. Utah County Weed Control Program Report- Jake Johnson  
See below for 2025 Utah County Weed Control Report
5. Other Business

Dean Miner and Kim Evans are up for reelection in January 2026.
6. Approve and schedule future Utah County Weed Control Board Meetings

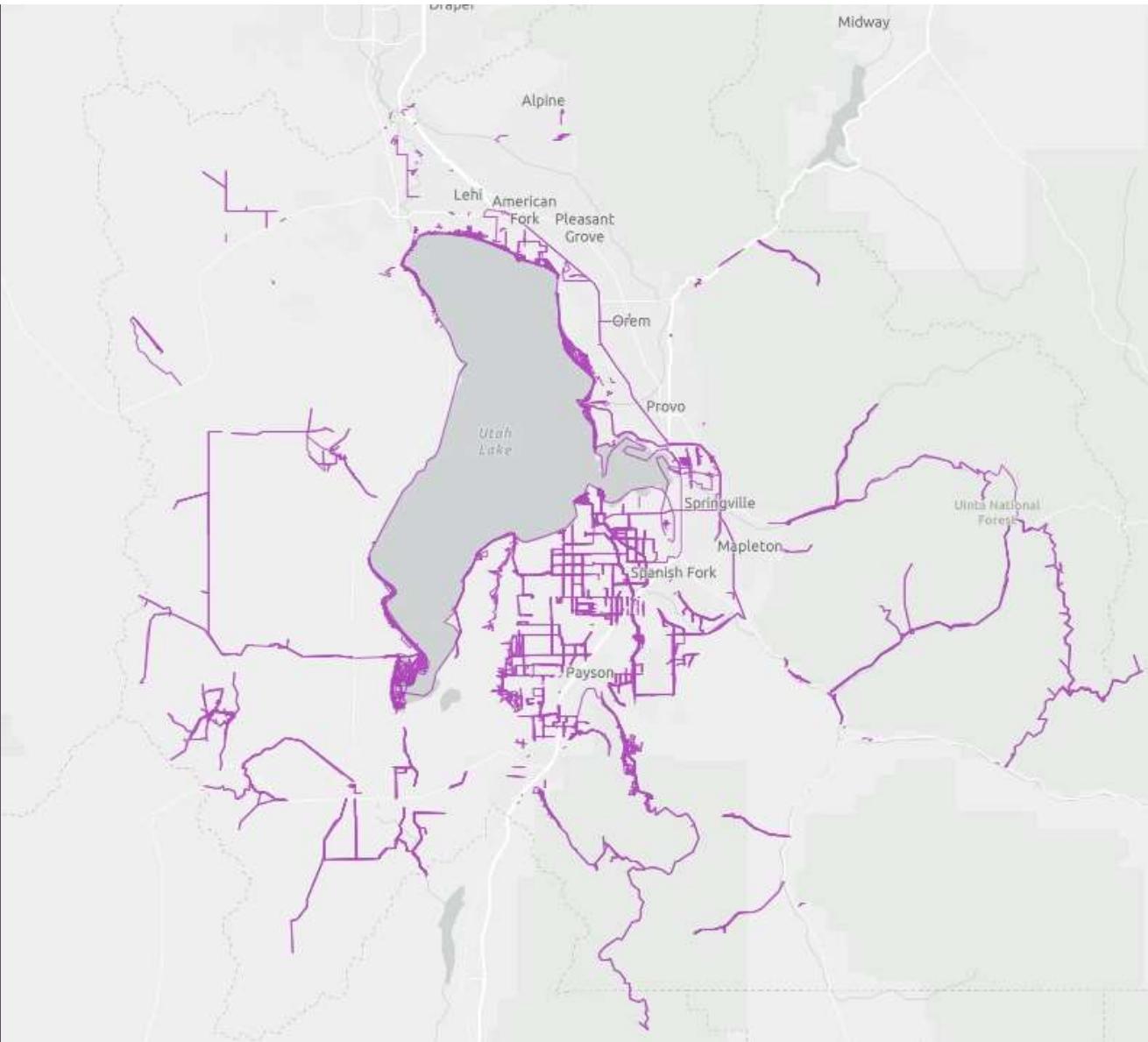
January 26, 2026 at 1 p.m. in the Utah County Commission Conference Room  
Motion to approve: Kim Evans  
Seconded by: Dean Miner  
Passed unanimously
7. Adjourn 1:42 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Dean Miner  
Seconded by: Kim Evans  
Passed unanimously

# 2025 Utah County Weed Control Report

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## Organization

- Utah State Code 4-17 a.k.a. Utah Noxious Weed Act
  - ▶ 4-17-107- A county weed control board is responsible, under the general direction of the county executive, for the formulation and implementation of a county-wide coordinated noxious weed control program designed to prevent and control noxious weeds within the board's county.
  - ▶ 4-17-108 (ii)- Each commission may employ one or more weed control supervisors qualified to direct the weed control program for the county weed control board.
- Weed Control Division is part of the Public Works Department of Utah County Government
  - ▶ Weed Control Division is comprised of 6 individuals
    - ▶ Weed Control Supervisor
    - ▶ 5 Equipment Operators
  - ▶ Weed Control Supervisor reports to Division Manager- Roads and Weeds

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## Utah County Weed Control Program Consist of:

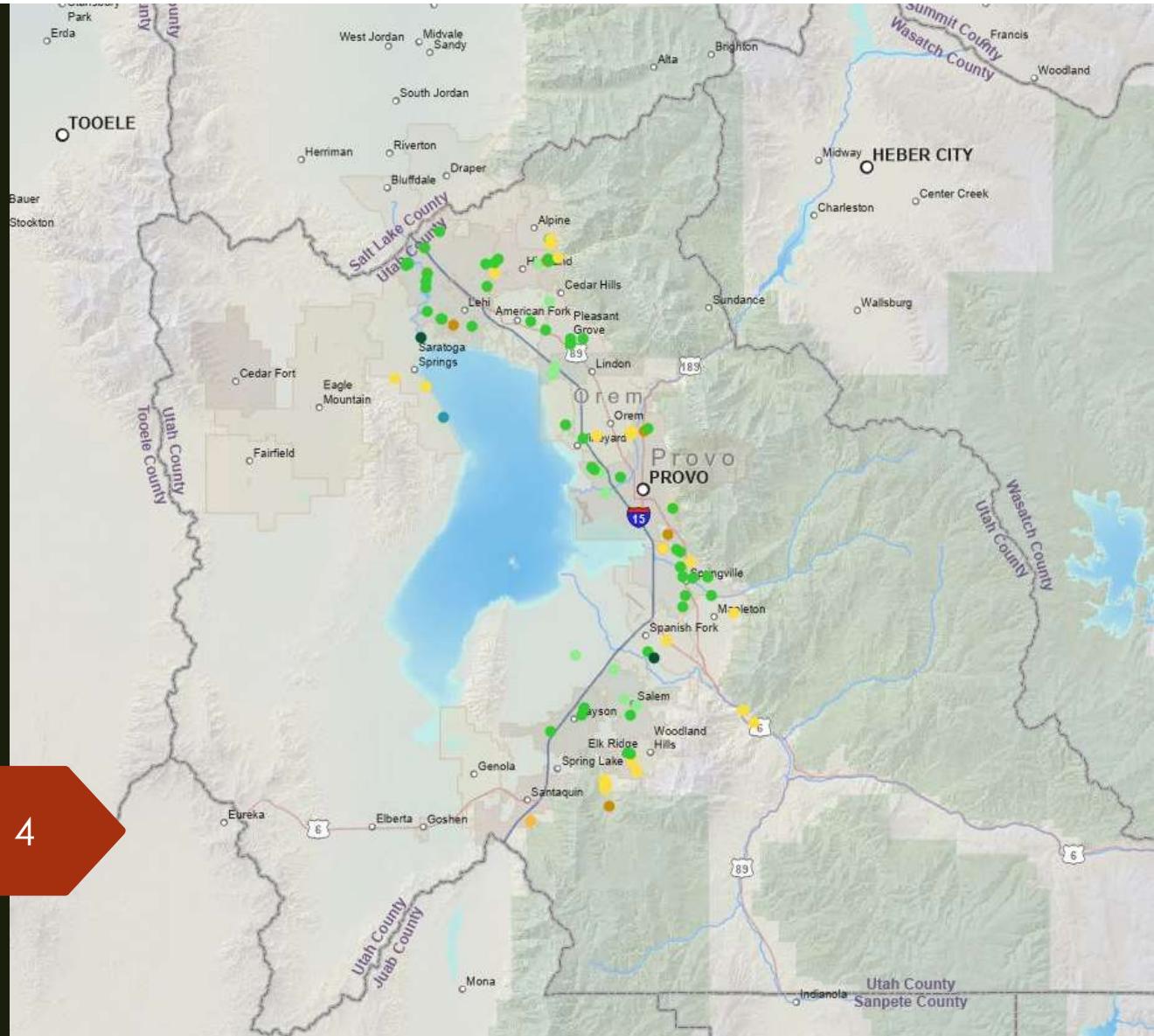


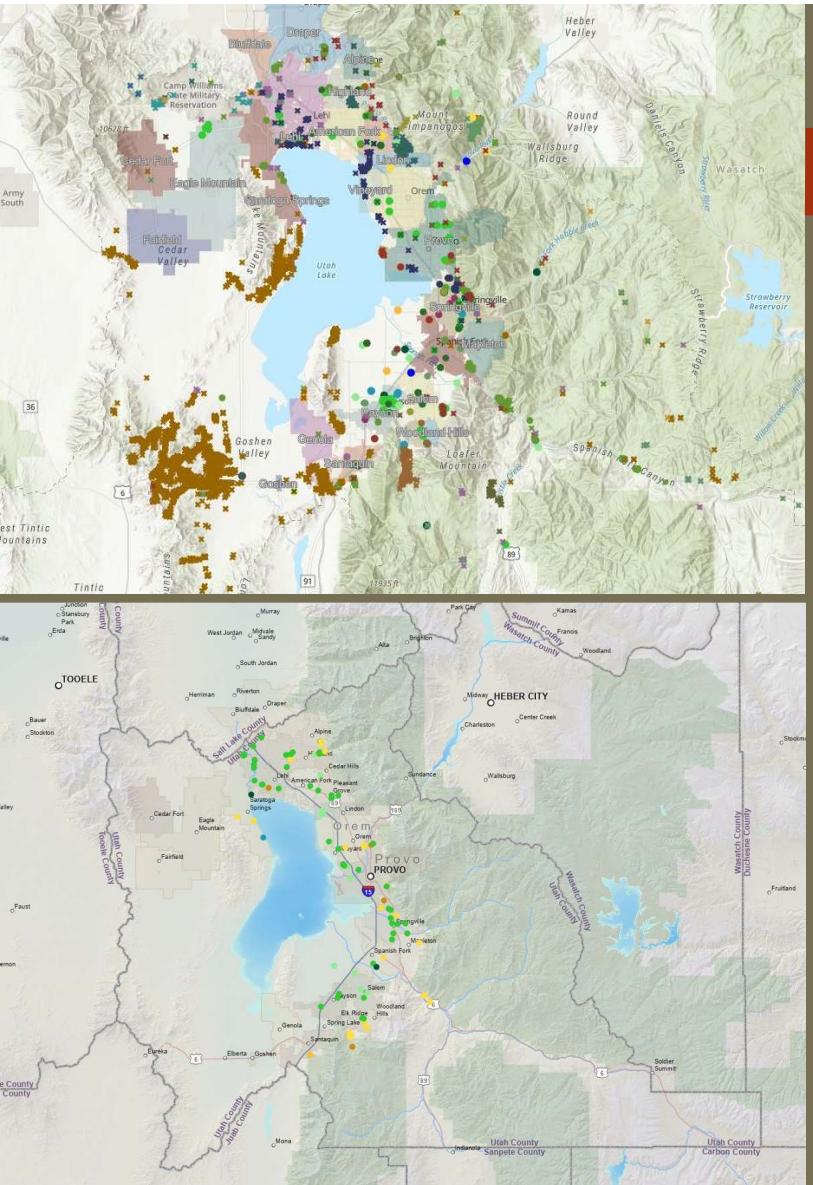
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# Noxious Weed Individual Notices

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## Individual Noxious Weed Infestation Notices

- Each Report/Complaint received a point is created within our system.
  - Reports can be received online or by phone
- Weed Division can create points for individual infestations as well utilizing the U.C.W.C. board approved Noxious Weed Prioritization sheet
- 103 points created in 2025
  - Current Status of Points
    - 52- forwarded to City
    - 10- County Treated
    - 29 - Letter Sent to Owner
    - 1- Owner will treat
    - 11- No action to be taken
  - U.C.W.C. board approved Individual Notice Procedure followed for notices sent.
  - U.C.W.C. board approved template notices/letters used
    - Individual notice, no grant funds
    - Individual notice, grant funds available
    - Class 4 Letter
    - Myrtle Spurge Letter (Class 4 weed)
    - Weed Issue Letter (not an official notice)

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## Individual Noxious Weed Infestation Notices

- ▶ Invasive Species: (class)
  - ▶ 1 Syrian Beancaper (1A)
  - ▶ 8 Garlic Mustard (1B)
  - ▶ 2 Japanese Knotweed (1B)
  - ▶ 28 Giant Reed (1B)
  - ▶ 14 Dyers Woad (2)
  - ▶ 2 spotted Knapweed (2)
  - ▶ 15 Purple Loosestrife (2)
  - ▶ 1 Canada Thistle (3)
  - ▶ 5 Scotch Thistle (3)
  - ▶ 7 Russian Knapweed (3)
  - ▶ 1 Puncturevine (3)
  - ▶ 17 Myrtle Spurge (4)
  - ▶ 2 Other

Rough Percentage by Utah Noxious Weed Classification:

Class 1A: .1%  
Class 1B: 38%  
Class 2: 30%  
Class 3: 15%  
Class 4: 16%  
Other: .9%

These figures does not include landowner permissions gathered for Weed Control Projects

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# Noxious Weed Free Certification inspection for Utah County Land Use Ordinance 14.12.C.9.



## 9- Noxious Weed Free Certifications Accomplished

All inspections passed

Follow U.C.W.B. approved Procedure

Must be done by a U.C.W.B. approved inspector

There are 3 approved inspectors

Jake Johnson- U.C. Weed Control Supervisor

Kelly Jacobson- Works for U.C. Weed Control

Casey Riches- Works for U.C. Weed Control

Utah County Land Use Ordinance 14.12.C.9



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### WEED CONTROL

#### Review Procedure for Utah County Noxious Weed Certification

1. Landowner/Developer receives application and Inspector list for Noxious Weed Certification from Utah County Public Works Community Development Division.
2. Landowner/Developer contacts, typically by phone, an approved inspector from the application. Inspector reviews with the applicant:
  - a. The cost of inspection
  - b. Inspection criteria and process (see item #4 below)
3. Once the criteria and process has been explained the applicant can schedule an inspection or may address noxious weeds prior to scheduling the inspection.
  - a. Once the inspection appointment is scheduled the applicant is given the option to be onsite when the inspection is performed.
    - i. If Landowner/Developer does not wish to be present for the inspection and desires the inspection to be completed as soon as possible. The inspector will ask for permission to access property without setting a specific date/time, to allow the inspector the ability to inspect the property at the earliest available time.
4. Inspection is performed.
  - a. A Property will not pass if a Class 1a, 1b, or 2 Utah State Declared Noxious Weed is found on the property.
  - b. Class 3 Utah State Declared Noxious Weeds are already widespread throughout most of Utah including Utah County. A property found to have Class 3 noxious weed may pass but approval will depend on the species, size, and density of the weeds present.
    - i. Russian Knapweed is a Class 3 Utah State Declared Noxious Weed but is not common in Utah County. If this species is found on the property, the inspection will fail.
    - ii. An inspection will pass if infestation is sparse and low in density.
    - iii. An inspection will fail if infestations are found throughout property and/or a weed covers approximately 10% or more of the property, weed coverage is an inspector's visual approximation of the infestation.
  - c. A Property found to have only Class 4 weeds present, will pass inspection.
  - d. For all inspections, the Inspector will inform the applicant of all noxious weed species found on their property and a control treatment will be recommended.

**Note:** If multiple land parcels are included in the application, the inspection will be for the entire area, and will not be parcel specific; all parcels will either pass, or all fail together.

5. Once the inspection is complete the Inspector will inform the landowner of inspection findings and results.
  - a. A passing inspection: The applicant will be asked to submit the application payment to Utah County Public Works.

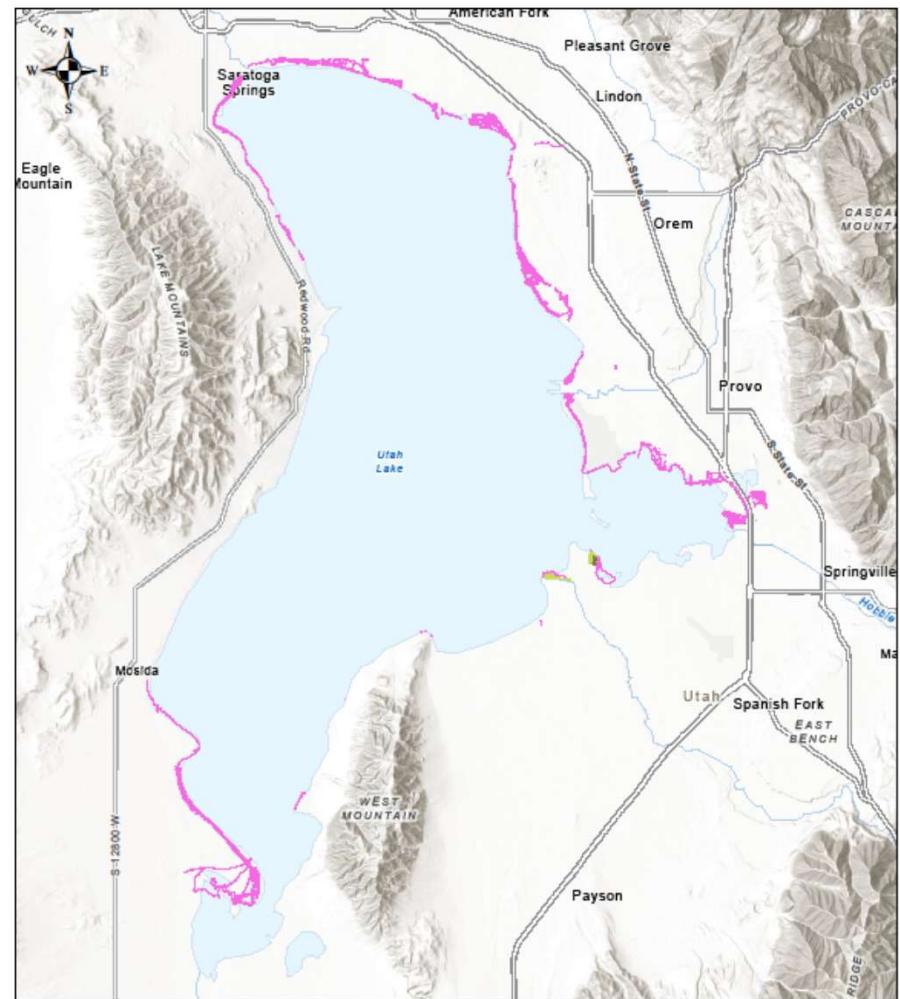
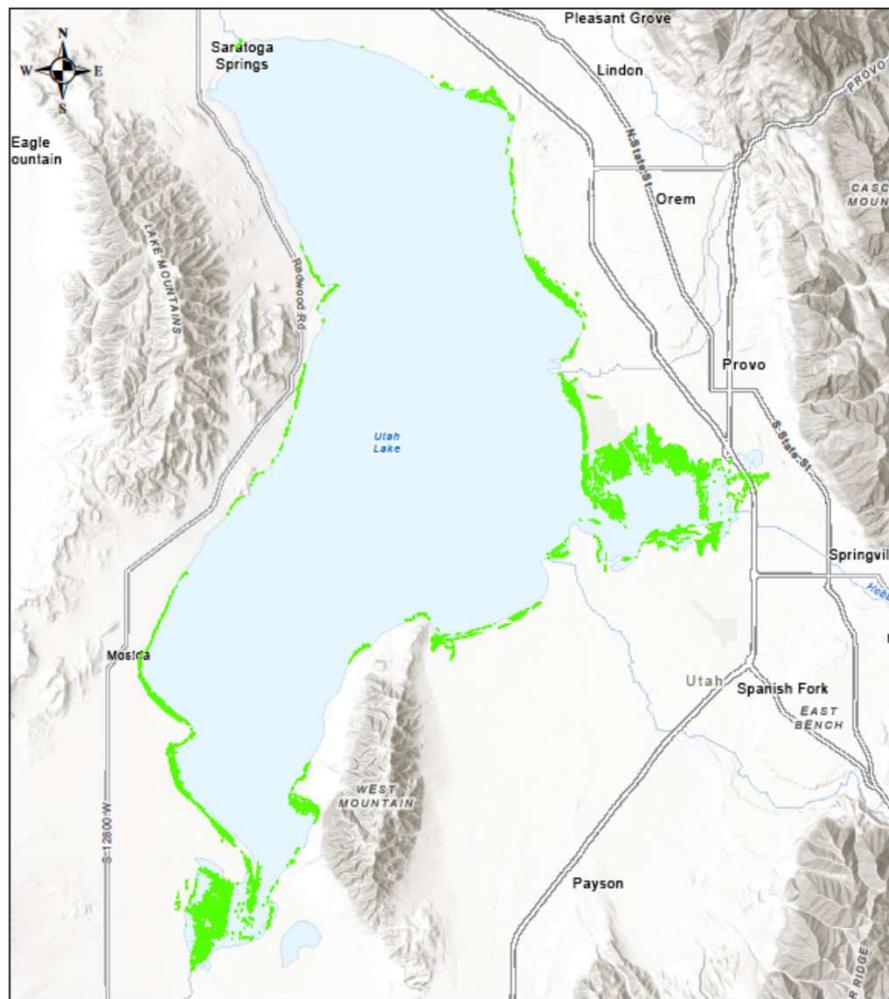
# Noxious Weed Control Projects

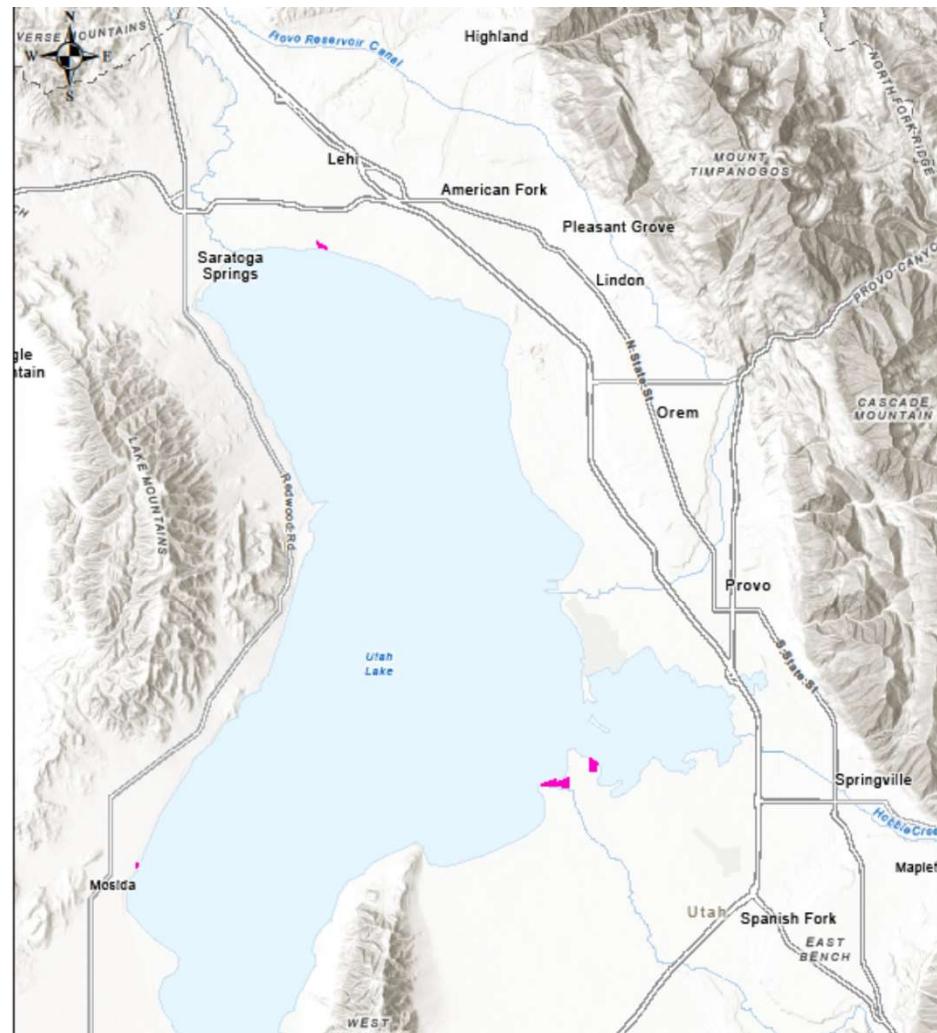
Agreement and Grants based

## Noxious Weed Control Projects Agreements or Grants invoiced since last meeting on 1/2025

- ▶ Utah Lake Shoreline Phragmites Removal and Restoration Project
  - ▶ Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Division Agreement funding (7/1/2024-6/30/2025)
  - ▶ Utah Lake Authority Agreement funding (7/1/2024-6/30/2025)
- ▶ Utah County Garlic Mustard and Dyers Woad ISM (7/1/2024 -6/30/2025)
- ▶ BLM Agreement (10/1/2024-9/30/2025)
- ▶ Forest Service Agreement (10/1/2024-9/30/2025)

# Utah Lake Shoreline Phragmites Removal and Restoration Project

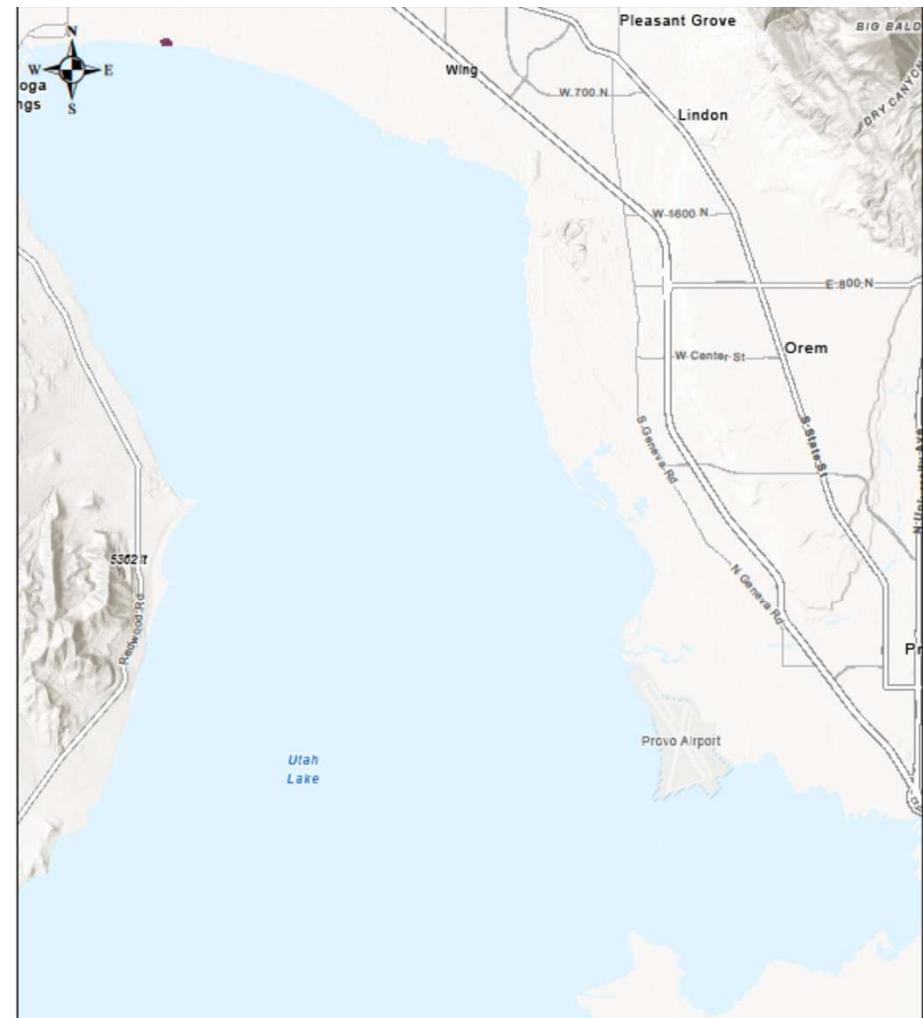




Utah Lake Treatment  
Project  
2024-2025

Follow Up Tree Removal

Species	Acres
All Species	82.9



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Project  
2024-2025

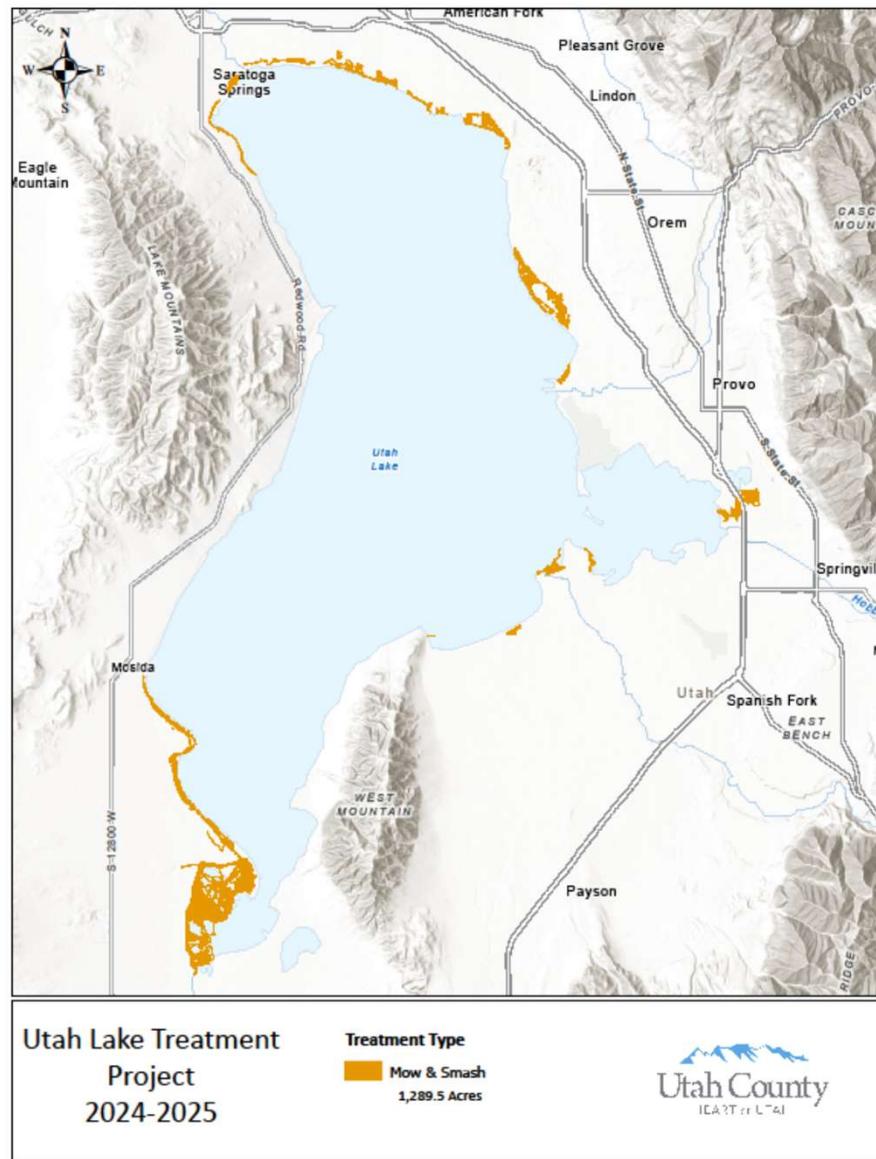




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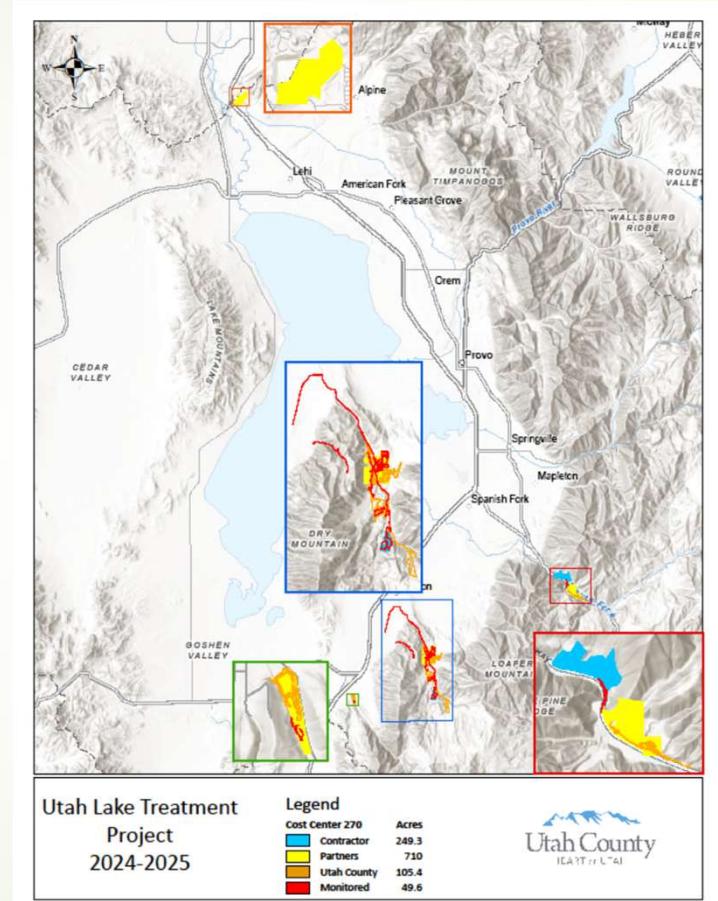
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## Utah County Garlic Mustard and Dyers Woad ISM

- ▶ Accomplishments
- ▶ +/- 105 acres spot treated by Utah County
- ▶ 250 acres monitored/spot treated by Eco-Solutions LLC
- ▶ Partnering Landowner/Agencies spot treated within their own managed property total acres of this area 710 acres



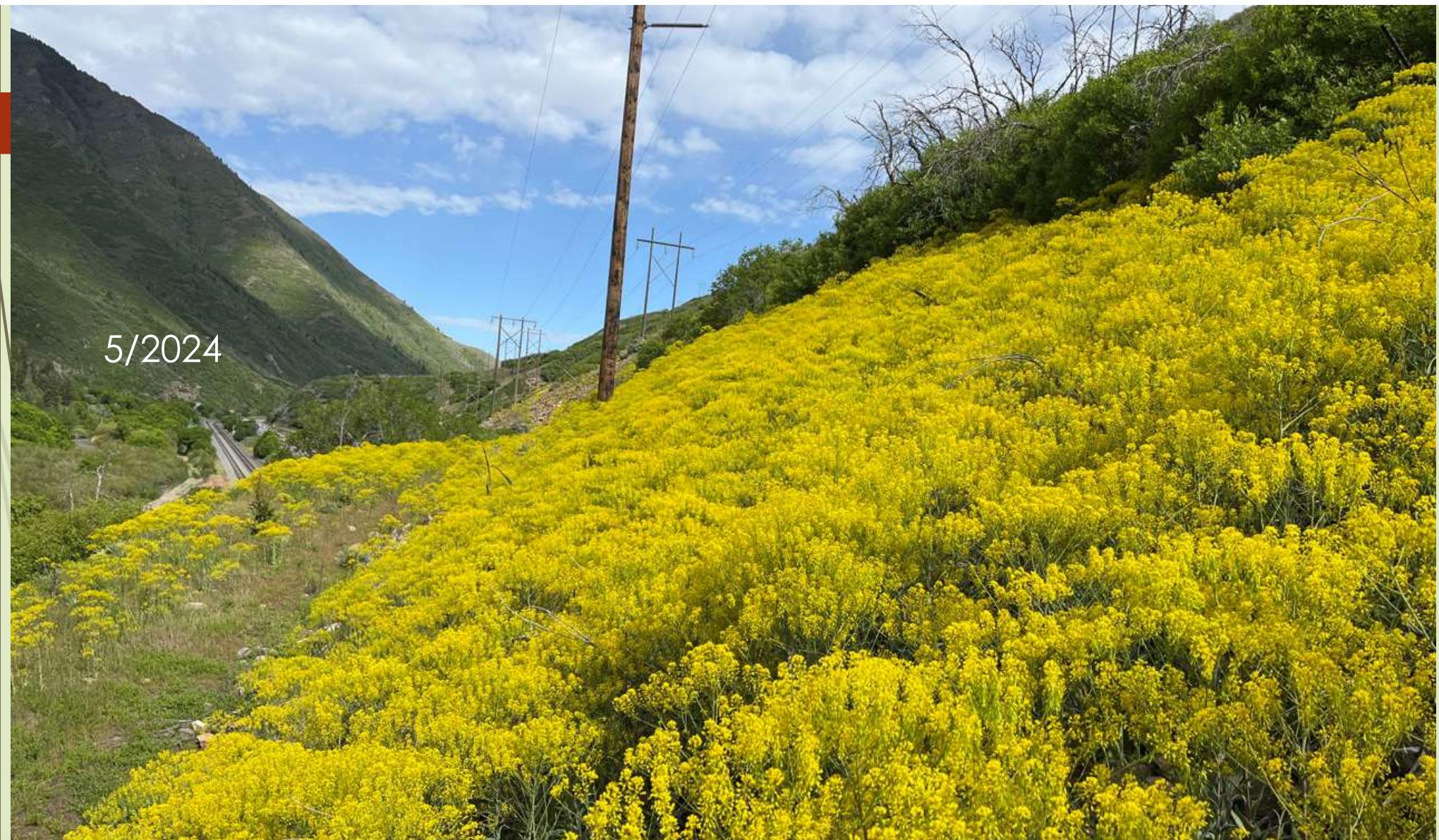


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## Forest Service Agreement



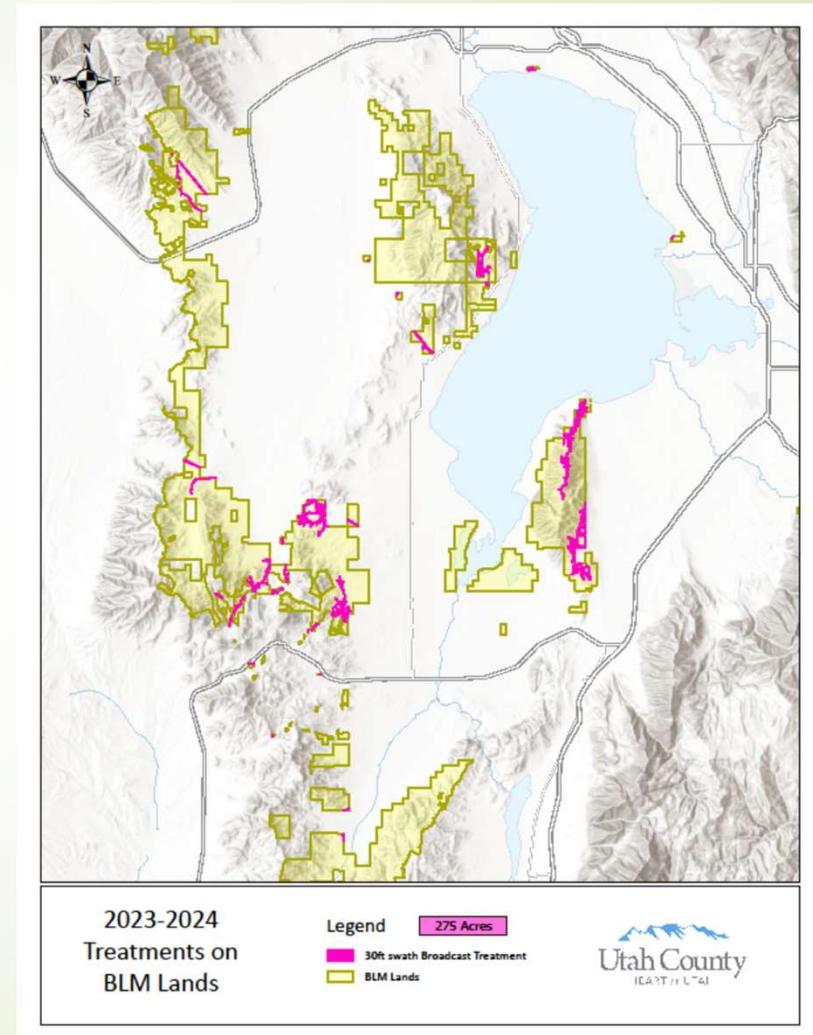
### ► Accomplishment

#### ► Primarily Road Side Treatment

- 155 acres spot treated within a +/- 776 acres area, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 56 acres spot treated in a +/- 1,503 acre area; primarily road side treatment

## B.L.M. Agreement

- ▶ Accomplishment
  - ▶ 275 acres of spot treatment
  - ▶ Knapweed, Thistles





# Current Noxious Weed Control Projects/Agreements

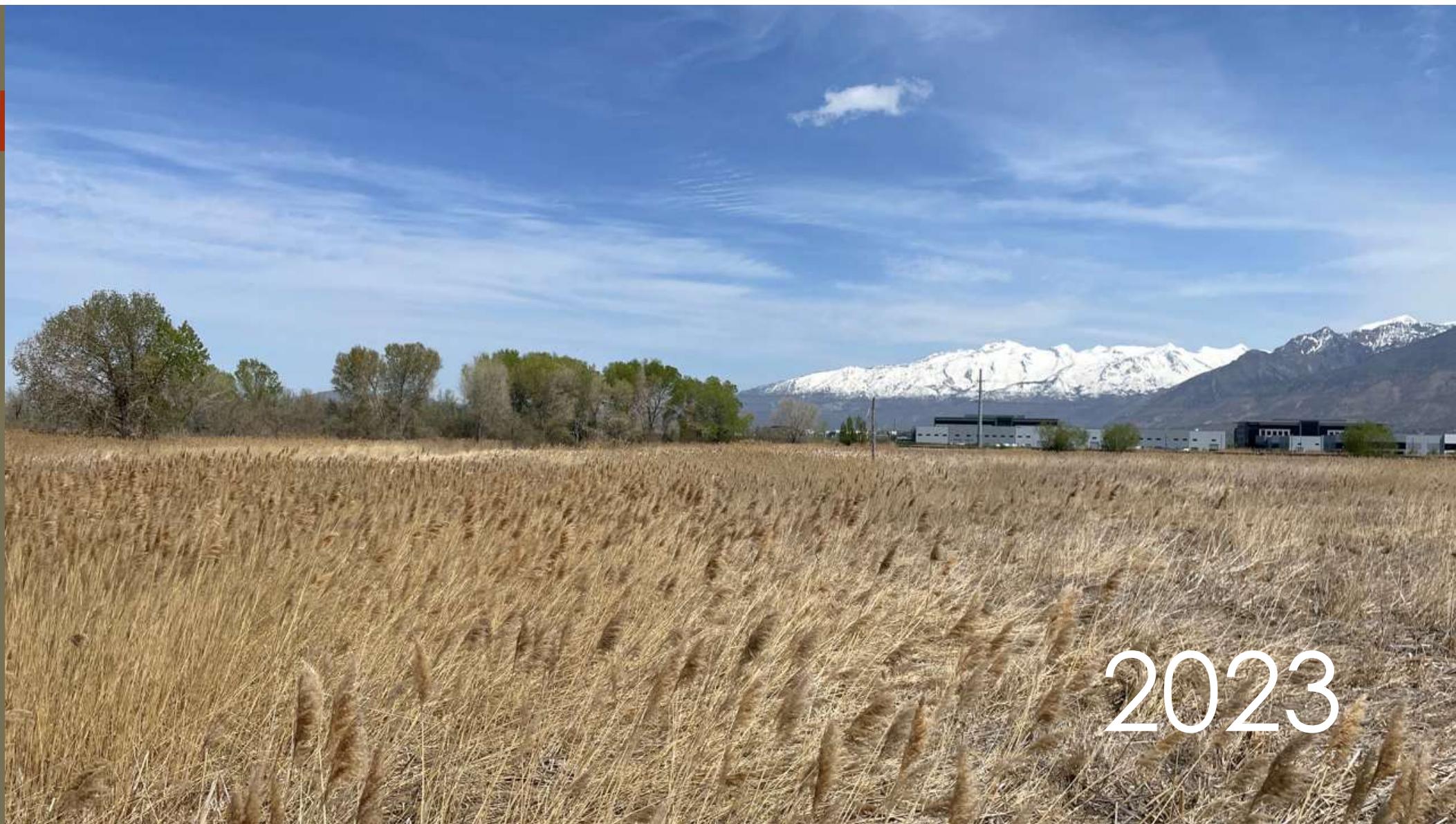
- ▶ Utah Lake Shoreline Phragmites Removal and Restoration Project
  - ▶ Funding
    - ▶ Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Division funding (7/1/2025-6/30/2026)
    - ▶ Utah Lake Authority funding (7/1/2025-6/30/2026)
  - ▶ Work accomplished from 7/1/2025-11/01/2025 on next slide
- ▶ Utah County Garlic Mustard and Dyers Woad ISM (7/1/2025-6/30/2026)
  - ▶ No work accomplished yet; worked planned to take place Spring of 2026
- ▶ Forest Service Agreement (4/2024- 2/28/2027)
  - ▶ No work accomplished since September; Work planned to take place during 2026 season
- ▶ BLM Agreement (10/1/2025-9/30/2026)
  - ▶ No work accomplished since September; Work planned to take place during 2026 season

## Utah Lake Shoreline Phragmites Removal and Restoration Project

- ▶ peak performance helicopter applied herbicide to 747 acres spot spraying around the entire Utah Lake Shoreline
- ▶ Utah County herbicide records +/- 767 acres treated
- ▶ Seeded +/-100 acres
- ▶ Mowing Treatments started November 12, 2025

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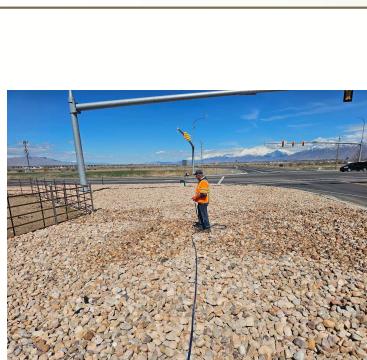
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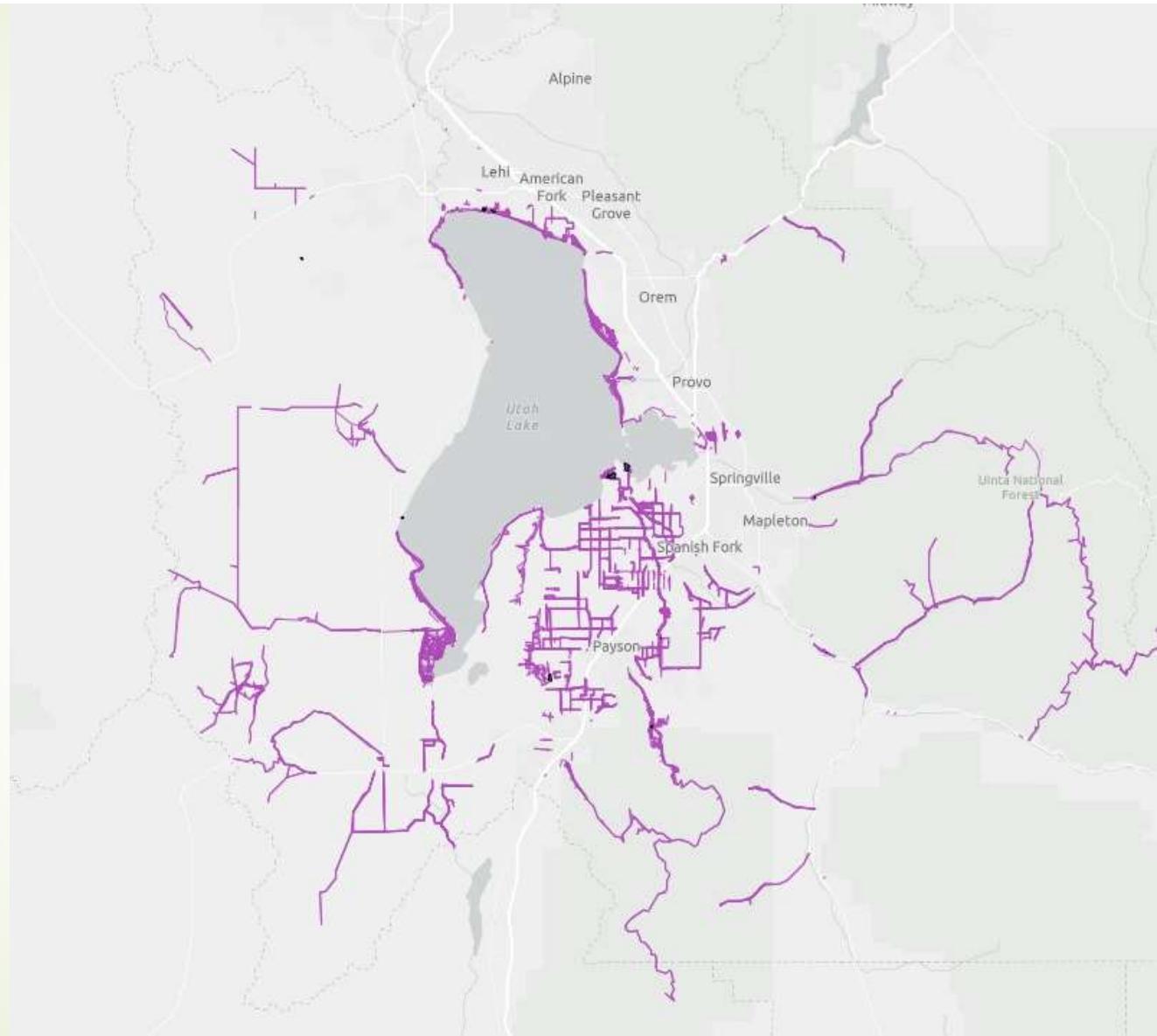
## County maintenance Responsibilities

- ▶ 533.76 miles of road, 1,066 miles of road shoulder, approximately 646 acres to:
  - ▶ Mow (multiple times)
  - ▶ Herbicide applications
- ▶ +/- 30 acres of roadside that is sprayed multiple times a year to maintain a bare ground road shoulder
- ▶ Santaquin, Hobble Creek, Payson, Thistle, and Loafer mountain debris basin helping with vegetation management
- ▶ Loafer Mountain Mitigation Site helping with vegetation management
- ▶ Help with other division as needed



# 2025 Utah County Weed Control by Treatment

- ▶ Drone Treatments- +/- 48.66 acres
- ▶ Herbicide Treatments- +/- 12,179 acres covered; 11,983.37 miles recorded,
  - ▶ 4,006.8 acres treated by Chemical Records
- ▶ 489 hours Flagging
- ▶ Seeding- +/- 100 acres
- ▶ Discing- +/- 100 acres
- ▶ Mowing- +/- 2500 acres
  - ▶ 4,944.83 acres according to line data
- ▶ Line trimmed- 39 acres
- ▶ New Tree Removal- 6 acres
- ▶ Follow up Tree Removal- +/- 60 acres



# 2025 Annual County Weed Control Board Report to Utah Department of Agriculture and Food

- ▶ Due 1/15/2026
- ▶ Data presented today will be used for report.
  - ▶ Report doesn't need to be approved by board to be submitted.
- ▶ Any situations or circumstances that you think U.D.A.F. should be aware of concerning noxious weeds in Utah County? Any areas where you would like assistance from the department in solving problems in Utah County Weed Program.
  - ▶ In the 2022 report indicated two areas where assistance would be appreciated. Same in 2023 and 2024 Reports.
    - ▶ Species Specific documents to cover treatment for each Utah State Declared Noxious Weed Species.
    - ▶ An appropriation of funds specifically for county ran weed control programs mandated by the State of Utah.
  - ▶ Currently plan to keep these items on 2025 report.
  - ▶ Any other additions you would like to see added?

