WHY ARE THEY BAD?

Noxious weeds are exotic plants that crowd out native vegetation. They upset the delicate balance of nature and spoil our beautiful landscapes. These invasive plants:
- Decrease diversity
- Degrade wildlife and fish habitat
- Reduce water quality
- Increase soil erosion
- Reduce recreation opportunities

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Be Aware & Prepare
- Clean and check your clothing, footwear, packs, bikes and equipment for weed seeds
- Brush animals before and after back country trips to remove weed seeds
- Feed stock certified weed seed free feed several days before and during your trip
- Learn to identify noxious weeds found in this area
  (Contact your local Extension Office or Weed District)

Protect Weed Free Areas
- Stay on established roads and trails
- Keep dogs on leash
- Camp only at existing campsites
- Avoid traveling or camping in weed infested areas
- Avoid disturbing vegetation and soil

Pull & Pack Out Weeds When Possible
- Pull weeds when soil is moist in the spring and fall to get the entire root system and kill the plant – Wear gloves
- Pull only weeds you can identify
- Pulling is most effective on taproot species such as knapweed, musk thistle and houndstongue
- Bag and pack out seed producing parts. Be careful not to spread seeds on the way home!
- Dispose of seeds in a sanitary landfill or burn them

Report It!
- Report small or new weed infestations to the responsible land management agency or landowner
- Bring in a sample for identification
- Report location of weed infestations found in wilderness areas on wilderness registration forms

PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR WILD PLACES
BY PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS