

Project ID:	YW-2023-0003
Project Description:	Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project (YRLSP)
Reason for Project:	The Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project engages landowners, agencies educators and organizations—working together to establish effective programs of integrated management for invasive leafy spurge. Our focus is riparian habitat and agricultural lands associated with the Yampa River, its tributaries and agricultural water delivery systems, which have been (or could be) impacted by leafy spurge.
Project Status:	Continued implementation and anticipated need for ongoing work.
Lead Proponent:	Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project working group, in collaboration with Friends of the Yampa.
Lead Contact:	Tamara Naumann
Estimate Cost:	Current annual budget includes approximately \$5,000 cash and a like amount of in-kind contributions from volunteers, agencies and organizations (total: \$10,000).
Water District	N/A
Project Key Words:	Watershed Health, Environment & Recreation, Agriculture, Land Use
Estimate Yield:	N/A
Water Right Needed:	No
Latitude/Longitude	The YRLSP focuses on 166 miles of the Yampa River affected by leafy spurge, from Hayden, Colorado to the confluence with the Green River in Dinosaur National Monument. Tributaries affected by leafy spurge are also of interest.
Funding Sources:	Routt County, Moffat County, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Dinosaur National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, Intermountain Natural History Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Colorado Department of Agriculture, and Donations (through Friends of the Yampa). These sources may include cash and/or in-kind contributions, depending on the year.
Schedule:	Annual and ongoing (see the YRLSP website for detailed information on activities, projects, products, and related information resources).
BIP Obj. Addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Protect and encourage agricultural uses of water in the basin within the context of private property rights</li><li>● Quantify and protect environmental and recreational water uses</li><li>● Maintain and consider the existing natural range of water quality that is necessary for current and anticipated water uses</li></ul>

- Develop an integrated system of water use, storage, administration, and delivery to reduce water shortages and meet environmental and recreational needs

#### Needs & Next Steps

1. Continue to maintain and update the YRLSP website <https://www.yampariverleafyspurgeproject.com/>
2. Continue augmenting and monitoring biological control insect populations in the Yampa River Basin, with the aim of reaching self-sustaining levels of biological control for leafy spurge in the region.
3. Continue to support public education on the impacts of leafy spurge in the Yampa River Basin and engage local youth in understanding the problem and potential solutions.
4. Continue to promote and support county weed management programs and partner agencies in their weed education and management efforts.
5. Continue to work with partner agencies and organizations to find a sustainable means of continuing the effort necessary to mitigate the impacts of leafy spurge on agricultural and natural resource values in the Yampa River Basin now and in the future.