

JORDAN VALLEY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA Organized to Prevent and Manage Noxious Weeds



HOARY CRESS/Whitetop

Description: Whitetop is a herbaceous perennial, spreading mainly by creeping rhizomes producing root shoots. It also produces hundreds of seeds per plant. Also referred to as Hoary cress; Hoary meaning grayish and cress for its use as a salad green in medieval Europe. Draba is the most common of the three species in far Eastern Oregon. Draba seed pods are heart shaped. Leaves are 1 to 3 inches long with slightly toothed margins near the tip. White flowers develop at stem ends and form a canopy, each has 4 petals opposite. Very closely related to broccoli and in fact has a similar taste but with a spiciness and heat. The seeds are very hot and spicy as you would expect from the mustard family. **Habitat:** Prefers disturbed areas and places with deep sub moisture. Will infest hay and pastures. Has been extending into rangeland in recent years.

From: Selected Noxious Weeds of Eastern Oregon

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Control:

Plant competition is an effective way to prevent the invasion of hoary cress (whitetop).

Successful control depends on spraying at the right time with an aggressive reapplication program.

- No Bio-control for general release at this time
- Telar, Escort or MSM 60 pre-bloom to bloom
- Cimmarron X-tra and Chaparral
- Plateau full bloom to plant desiccate
- 2,4-D before bud stage
- Glyphosate is also effective tools

Always read and follow label directions





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