

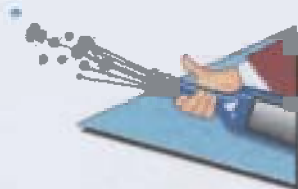
# UTAH & IDAHO CWMA



*We Can Make A Difference*

U&I CWMA News Letter

March 1, 2005



*Well spring is just about here and you know what that means "WEEDS" and the season has just begun. This comment probably made your day so lets "celebrate." I do want you to know that I will be thinking of you this year and also watching, but way back.*

*I don't know if you have noticed but it seems like the seasons are about 30 days earlier than they used to be so that should be making everyone think "Dyer's Woad" so we better be preparing our equipment and making sure it is ready for an early start. We also need to make sure our Bag-Woad Program is in place at the U&I level.*

*By the end of the month we should know where we stand as far as our grants are and where we need to go from there. We also have a new weed book for the grade school's thanks to Donna Vaughan, our web site on line thanks to Nate, and we have also revised the steering committee due to my retirement. David Hallinan is the new weed supervisor from Bannock Co. and will be replacing me in*

*that position. I will be staying on as the Chairman as a private citizen and new member to the steering committee.*

*We had an early scare from the Idaho B.L.M. with the rumor saying there might not be any money available to continue working on the Idaho projects. Thanks to Senator Craig's office looking into the problem and Syl Daymon helping out some money was made available for this coming year, but Syl also advised me that next year that money for B.L.M. projects did not look good at all. We appreciate Syl giving us a heads up for next year.*

*Now is the time to start thinking about this years work day. It sounds a little early but the season is about upon us and we need to be ready to go. Box Elder Co. has already scheduled their work day for May 18th, and this will take place of our May meeting.*

*I forgot to mention that our weed essay contest was a success again this year. We had well more than 100 essays again. Britney Hallinan from Pocatello High School was the grand prize winner for the amount of \$300.*

*Britney is the daughter of Dave Hallinan I know you are thinking that David probably wrote her essay, but this essay was way above her dad (just kidding of course). The students put a lot of time and effort into their essay's. This makes it a great educational tool and I know we will reap the benefits in the future.*

*Through the courtesy of Valley Implement, located in Logan and Preston, David and I spent two days, March 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> in a weed booth representing the U&I. It gave us a great opportunity to feel out some of the questions and concerns of the landowners. It also gave us the opportunity to showcase the U&I as most landowners didn't know who we were or what we stand for. We also were asked to eat steak and eggs for breakfast which helped entice us just a little bit. David and I had to think this offer for some time before we accepted*

*I will try and do better with the news letter now as I am retired but then again I have been so busy I have had a hard time felling retired so who knows.*

*Every letter I have give a rose to someone special and would like to continue this practice.*

*I would like to dedicate this rose to all the students, teachers, advisors, and weed supervisors who participated in the essay contest. There is a lot of work that goes into this program and I really appreciate all the effort.*

*Thank you*

*Chairman of the U&I CWMA  
Jerry Hobson*

