

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

January 18, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on January 18, 2021. Present for the meeting were Chair Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy, Rico Board Trustee Joe Croke, Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming, EMS Director Keith Keesling, Local Residents Eddie Dicken, Rob and Carol Marie Howell, Fair Board Members Linda Rehmert and Amber Fisher, DCVAD Director Jerry Whited, DCSO Deputy Eric Stiasny, Rico Resident Allyn Svoboda, Extension, DC Clerk, Enterprise Fleet Rental Representative Andrew Schmidt

Payroll for January 14, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| County Commissioners: | \$8,669.27 | 6 Employees | 1 Part Time | |
| Commissioner Other | \$453.04 | | 1 Part Time | |
| County Clerk: | \$3,071.84 | 3 Employees | | |
| County Treasurer: | \$2,861.29 | 2 Employees | | |
| County Assessor: | \$3,924.55 | 4 Employees | | |
| GIS: | \$1,265.56 | 1 Employee | | |
| County Maintenance: | \$1,473.48 | 1 Employee | | |
| County Sheriff: | \$15,310.74 | 11 Employees | 2 Part Time | |
| County Coroner: | \$352.50 | 1 Employee | | |
| EMA: | \$1,037.84 | 1 Employee | | |
| Extension: | \$1,388.13 | 2 Employees | | |
| DCTV: | \$947.19 | | 4 Part Time | |
| Veterans Office: | \$499.46 | | 1 Part Time | |
| Fair Board: | \$27.70 | | | 1 Temp |
| Senior Services: | \$9,001.11 | 3 Employees | 11 Part Time | |
| Health & Nurse: | \$3,003.88 | 2 Employees | | |
| Mandatory Weed: | \$2,164.47 | 2 Employees | 1 Part Time | |
| R&B Administration Other: | \$24,194.38 | 19 Employees | 1 Part Time | |
| Social Services: | \$8,644.02 | 6 Employees | 2 Part Time | |
| TOTAL: | \$84,776.21 | 64 Employees | 24 Part Time | 1 Temp |

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

Presented for approval were the December 20, 2021 regular BOCC minutes.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the above-mentioned minutes.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Farmers Telecommunications Courthouse Tower Contract Discussion

Farmers Telecommunications Manager Terry Hinds was unable to attend the meeting. Attorney Golbricht discussed the history of the agreement that originated during COVID with a discounted lease amount. The two-year agreement term expired as of December 31, 2021. Various concerns regarding the need of a tower inspection and the results of the inspection were discussed. Grounding system errors and malfunctions resulted in considerable damage during a lightning storm incident in May 2021. A Tower Use Policy will be drafted and adopted to establish basic use terms for future agreements throughout the County. As part of the Tower Use Policy, specific inspection cycles including structural integrity and fees that meet industry standards will be determined. The agenda item will be revisited at a future meeting.

2022 Dolores County Reorganization Approval

Discussion regarding appointing a Commissioner Board Chairperson took place. Attorney Golbricht stated that by statute, a chair must be appointed following a general election, otherwise the matter is left to the wishes of the BOCC.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion for Commissioner Cook to remain as board chair.
There was no second of the motion, as Commissioner Cook chose to abstain from voting for himself.
No other motion was made, therefore, Commissioner Cook remained as chair of the board by default according to Roberts Rules of Order.

Proceedings to the Board of County Commissioners Meeting on January 18, 2022

Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner submitted for approval the 2022 Dolores County Reorganizational document. Commissioner Kibel read the document approving the rehiring of all current county employees, the reappointment of County associated boards, paid holidays that will be observed as well as all non-contractual appointments.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the 2022 Reorganization document.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Weed District Areas of Operation

Weed District Secretary Oma Fleming presented the Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District Wide Weed Management Plan and the County Wide Weed Management Plan.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to approve the Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District Wide Weed Management Plan and the County Wide Weed Management Plan.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Resolution #01-22-01: A Resolution approving and designating Public Depositories in which the Dolores County Treasurer may deposit public funds and impose certain conditions upon such deposits.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #01-22-01.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

County AED: EMS Director Keith Keesling gave the BOCC a status update on all County monitored AED's. Mr. Keesling has received four new location requests for AED's. Funds from the SWRETAC grant can purchase the AEDs, however acquiring them is difficult at this time as none are available.

Dolores County Public Health Medical Officer Contract Renewal: Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner submitted for approval the Dolores County Public Health Medical Officer Contract previously signed by Dr. William Finn (MD). The contract is between the Dolores County Board of Health and Dr. Finn, to provide for Finn to serve as Medical Officer of the Dolores County Public Health Department for a one-year term with a total annual fee of \$1,500.00.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned contract.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Howell Preliminary Subdivision Exemption Approval

Local residents Rob and Carol Marie Howell were present to request a three-acre preliminary subdivision exemption. The application, fee and a map were provided for review. After discussion, the Board suggested a revision to the proposed map designating a driveway easement not inclusive of the three-acre parcel.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving a Preliminary Subdivision Exemption.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

The applicants were advised to return upon completion of the surveyed plat for final board approval.

Fair Board Update

Fair Board Secretary Oma Fleming and board members Linda Rehmert and Amber Fisher were present to explain the bids received for insulating the Dolores County Fairgrounds building. Grant funds totaling \$36,109.00 were recently awarded. Upon inspection of the building during walk-throughs, the need for some revisions to the current set up were noted. Construction costs for improvements to the restroom access and corridor are necessary. Propanel along the lower portion of the building to protect the insulation once installed, was also preferred. Estimates for the needed materials and labor are \$15,000.00. A request for that amount from the County was made.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the use of up to \$15,000.00 for the fairgrounds building insulation project.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Rico Town Manager Meet and Greet

Newly hired Rico Town Manager Chauncey McCarthy and Rico Board Trustee Joe Croke were present for a meet and greet session with the BOCC. Discussed, was a DOLA grant request for funding assistance to provide fiber to end users as well as a CDPHE lead cleanup project within the town limits for residences that desire removal of the crusher fines used for roads and to level town lots, many years ago.

BLM Update

BLM Tres Rios Field Manager Connie Clementson did not attend the meeting. Amber Fisher was present to ask questions regarding the Black Snag Road and culvert reroute. According to Harrison Griffin with BLM a NEPA study needs to be conducted. A storm water permit is also needed from the State. Ms. Fisher will reach out to Ms. Clementson with questions.

Forest Service Update

USFS District Ranger Derek Padilla discussed a possible amendment to the proposed Farm Bill that is in the agency rule making process, allowing public comment regarding fees associated with telecommunication equipment on towers owned by the forest service. Usage fees ranging from \$1400.00 to \$4800.00 could be assessed to local government entities. The BOCC will draft a letter of opposition to the proposed legislation as the rates would be a burden for various telecommunication needs of the County.

The McPhee break water addition engineering design is not going to happen this year as funding for the project has yet to be acquired.

New Business

Resolution #01-22-02: Social Services Director Evans requested approval of Resolution #01-22-02 regarding the distribution of funds from the Clara Ormiston Trust Fund. It was found that the applicant qualified, as determined by the conditions, of the Ormiston Trust Fund, for a \$500.00 distribution.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #01-22-02.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

CCI Proxy Designation Approval: Presented for approval was the 2022 Colorado Counties Incorporated Steering Committees Designation of Proxy. Commissioner Cook is the appointed CCI representative for all CCI committees.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion appointing Commissioner Cook to the CCI committees.

Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.

Both Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dolores County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report: The Dolores County Treasurer in and for the County of Dolores and the State of Colorado certified the statement of the semi-annual report.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the Semi-Annual Report.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion

Rico Fire Ambulance License Approval

Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner submitted for approval the application and supporting documentation from the Rico Fire Ambulance for the 2022 operating license renewal and approval.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the signing of the operating license until January 31, 2023.

Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.

All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Dove Creek Ambulance District License Approval

Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner submitted for approval the application and supporting documentation from the Dove Creek Ambulance District for the 2022 operating license renewal and approval. DCVAD Director Jerry Whited was present to explain changes to this year's submitted application compared to previous years. Advanced Life Support capabilities have been added. Mutual aid documentation with local entities is still being revised and will be provided as soon as approved and signed.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the signing of the operating license until January 31, 2023. Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Old Business

Consideration of a Possible County Wide Sales Tax: Attorney Golbricht offered guidance for gathering information on exemptions and user taxes. An upcoming workshop is scheduled with the Department of Revenue.

Garchar/Dickens Final Boundary Adjustment Approval: Property owners Eddie Dicken and Steve Garchar were present for the final approval of a surveyed boundary adjustment. Commissioner Garchar abstained from involvement as a commissioner, as he was involved in the Boundary Adjustment.

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving the plat. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion. Both Commissioners voted in favor.

BOCC Meeting Attendance Allowance Discussion: The BOCC discussed the current state of the COVID pandemic and recommended guidelines at the time. With adequate spacing available in the meeting room as well as minimal public attendance the BOCC chose to continue to provide a zoom link for the public as well as allow in person attendance going forward.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving the above-mentioned meeting attendance structure. Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion. All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.



Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners




Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

DOLORES COUNTY 2022 RE-ORGANIZATION

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Board of County Commissioners: | \$158,057.00 |
| Chairperson | |
| Vice Chair | |
| Commissioner | |
| Commissioner's Office: | \$106,522.00 |
| County Administrator | |
| Deputy Clerk to the BOCC | |
| Administrative Assistance | |
| HR/Finance: | \$57,141.00 |
| HR/Bookkeeping | |
| 1/2 Time Bookkeeper | |
| Assessor's Office: | \$150,053.00 |
| Assessor | |
| Deputy/Chief Lic. Appraiser | |
| Deputy | |
| Deputy | |
| Part-Time | |
| Treasurer's Office: | \$97,058.00 |
| Treasurer | |
| Deputy | |
| Part-Time | |
| Public Health: | \$200,371.00 |
| Department Head | |
| Admin. Assistant | |
| New Director | |
| Part-Time | |
| Maintenance Supervisor: | \$53,394.00 |
| Courthouse/Parks | |
| Part-Time | |
| Extension Office: | \$76,570.00 |
| Agent | |
| Admin. Assistant 1/2 Time | |
| Admin. Assistant | |
| Part-Time | |
| Mandatory Weed: | \$82,857.00 |
| Manager 1/2 Time | |
| Ag Tech | |
| Weed Sprayer | |
| Part-Time | |
| County Inspector | |
| Clerk's Office: | \$128,049.00 |
| County Clerk | |
| Deputy | |
| Deputy | |
| Part-Time | |

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| Legal Counsel: | | Contract | |
| County Attorney | | | |
| County Auditor | | | |
| District Attorney | | | |
| Emergency Manager: | | | |
| Director | | \$40,098.00 | |
| Social Services: | | \$301,923.00 | \$ 60,384.00 |
| Director | | | |
| Case Worker FTE | | | |
| Case Worker PTE | | | |
| Income Maintenance | | | |
| Colorado Works/Program Admin | | | |
| Admin. Assistant | | | |
| Accountant | | | |
| Janitor/Cleaning | | | |
| Sheriff's Office: | | \$261,669.00 | |
| Sheriff | | | |
| Under-Sheriff | | | |
| Leutenant | | | |
| Deputy | | | |
| Deputy | | | |
| Deputy | | | |
| Dispatch | | \$201,325.00 | |
| Head Dispatch | | | |
| Dispatch | | | |
| Dispatch | | | |
| Part-Time Dispatchers | | | |
| Courthouse Security | | | |
| Code Enforcement | 30/70 split with town | | |
| VA: | | \$12,980.00 | |
| Veteran's Officer | | | |
| Coroner: | | \$11,561.00 | |
| County Coroner | | \$1.25/hr on call | |
| Deputy Coroners | | | |
| Septic: | | \$20,000.00 | |
| Septic Inspector | | | |
| Election: | | \$6,000.00 | |
| Election Workers | | | |
| Pioneer Center: | | \$324,798.00 | |
| Director | | | |
| Admin Assistant 1 | | | |
| Financial Assistant | | | |
| Dispatcher | | | |
| Head Cook | | | |
| Assistant Cook | | | |
| Asst. Site Cordinator | | | |
| Bus Drivers | | | |
| Assistant Bus Drivers | | | |
| Homemakers | | | |
| Janitors | | | |
| Office Aide | | | |

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| Fair Ground Maintenance: | | \$3,600.00 |
| Part-Time | | |
| Information Technology: | | \$12,000.00 |
| As Needed | | |
| Mapping & Addressing/Planning/Inspector: | | \$36,500.00 |
| Addressing | | |
| DCTV: | | \$39,263.00 |
| System Manager | | |
| Part-Time Salaries | | |
| Road and Bridge: | | \$873,488.00 |
| Road Supervisor | | |
| Road Foreman | | |
| Road Foreman | | |
| Maintenance Foreman | | |
| Truck Foreman | | |
| Shop Foreman | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Road/Shop Hand | | |
| Road Hand | | |
| Office Manager/Road Hand | | |
| Office/Janitorial | | |
| Part-Time | | \$15.50 |
| Part-Time | | \$19.00 |
| Part-Time | | \$21.00 |

Holidays for 2022:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day | January 17th |
| President's Day | February 21st |
| Good Friday | April 15th |
| Memorial Day | May 30th |
| Juneteenth Day | June 20th |
| Independence Day | July 4th |
| Labor Day | September 5th |
| Columbus Day | October 10th |
| Veteran's Day | November 11th |
| Thanksgiving Day | November 24th & 25th |
| Christmas | December 23rd & 26th |

NONE OF THESE APPOINTMENTS CREATE A CONTRACT

Designation of County Newspaper:

The Journal

Meetings:

The Board of County Commissioners will hold regular meetings on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Monday of each month; unless a holiday falls on that Monday. In that case, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday, following the holiday.

The End of the Month meeting will be held on the last working day of each month; unless that day is a Friday, at which time the meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month. End of the Month meetings are held for Department Head updates.

All meetings are open to the public except for Executive Sessions; subject to Resolution #03-20-05 regarding COVID restrictions.

Telecommunication participation by Commissioners is allowed via speaker phone or ZOOM meetings.

The BOCC reserves the right to alter scheduling or cancel regular meetings as warranted.

Special meetings of the BOCC may be scheduled at any time with appropriate notice.

Designation of Area Where and When Meetings are posted:

Notice of meetings and agenda's are posted on the Courthouse's west and east door entrances and on the County's website.

The County may post in additional locations as seen fit and warranted.

Fairboard:

Board Members:

Matt Forst
Linda Rehmert
Christy Cressler
Jeremy Redshaw
Amber Fisher

Mandatory Weed Control District and Local Advisory Weed Board:

The Board of County Commissioners hereby affirms the appointments of the current Mandatory Weed Control District Board (Pest Control District Advisory Committee pursuant to CRS 35-5-101, *et seq.*), and further appoints that Board in its entirety as the Local Advisory Weed Board pursuant to CRS 35-5-107. The Board of County Commissioners further adopts and approves the Local Advisory Weed Board county-wide Weed Management Plan and the Mandatory Weed Control District district-wide Weed Management Plan, both as presented by the Weed Control District Board Manager.

Board Members:

Michael Fury
Rick Deremo
John Humphreys
Levi Garchar
Jay Allen

Planning Commission:

Board Members:

JP Funk
Robert Crain
Jim Begalle
Linda Yellowman
Todd Parisi
Ernie Williams
Staff

Dolores County Arbitrators:

To be selected as needed.

Dolores County Public Health Medical Officer:

Medical Officer

Dr. William Finn

Board of Health:

SB-194, Public Health Act of 2008, requires that each County, by resolution of it's Board of County Commissioners, establish and maintain a county public health agency; therefore, the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners hereby affirms and designates itself to serve as the current Board of Health pursuant to CRS 25-1-508, with the exception of the Town of Rico OWTS oversight. The Board of Health appointments mirror the County Commissioner officer positions.

Board Members:

Floyd L. Cook
Julie R. Kibel
Steve Garchar

Town of Rico OWTS:

The Board of County Commissioners hereby affirms its appointment of the Town of Rico as the local public health agency pursuant to Dolores County Resolution Number 06-14-01, *"whereas the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has stated its willingness to recognize the Town of Rico Town Board as the local public health agency within the Town of Rico for purposes of enacting and enforcement of regulations regarding on-site wastewater treatment systems. The Rico Town Board Members for enforcement and permitting purposes will act in accordance with On-site Wastewater Treatment System Regulations codified as 5 CCR 1002-43 and simply known as Regulation 43. The Town of Rico accepted such appointment per Resolution 2014-2."*

Rico Town Board Members:

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Trustees

Nicole Pieterse
Patrick Fallon
Joe Croke
Joe Dillsworth
Ben Vernadakis
Chris Condon
Chauncey McCarthy

Town Manager:

Emergency Medical Services Council:

Dolores County Emergency Manager
Rico Fire Manager
Dove Creek Ambulance Director

Keith Keesling
Dave Kunz
Jerry Whited

Dolores County Senior Services Board of Directors:

BOCC Liaison
Librarian

Margret Webb
Barbara Saunders
Linda McCart
Wynn McGreenera
Sally Cooper
Donna Brackett
Gloria Klein
Shari Richardson
Beverly Pilon
Elaine Rockwell
Nadine Funk
Elaine Wilson
Julie Kibel
Barbara Saunders

Dolores County Public Library:

Board Members:

Carolyn McCuskey
Linda Cressler
Cindy Gersch
Carolyn Dunmire
Larry Lloyd
Patsy Smith
Linda Yellowman
Laurie Ernst
Tammy Allen

DCPL Director

DCPL Secretary/Bookkeeper

Rico Public Library:

Librarian

Susan Robertson

West Dolores Cemetary:

Board Members:

Steve Davis
Stacy Hankins
Linda Rehmert
Margret Daves
Brett & Mary Martin

Manager

Maintenance

Cahone Cemetary:

Board Members:

Rodney Johnson
Berlinda Johnson
Jay Johnson

Liaison to Departments:

Road & Bridge
Addressing & Mapping
Emergency Management
Dolores County Social Services
Public Lands
Economic Development
Senior Services & Public Transportation

Floyd L. Cook
Floyd L. Cook
Julie R. Kibel
Floyd L. Cook
Julie R. Kibel
Steve Garchar
Julie R. Kibel

Active Boards:

Senior Advisory Board
Region 9
DWRP
AAA
Transportation Region 9 (TPR)
CDOT
Housing Solutions
Lower Dolores River Plan (NCA)
Co-Chair County Coalition of Sage Grouse
Sage Grouse Advisory Board
Executive Council of Sage Grouse
Club 20
Colorado Counties Incorporated
Southwest Opioid Response District (SWORD)

Julie R. Kibel
Steve Garchar
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All three Commissioners
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DOVE CREEK MANDATORY WEED CONTROL DISTRICT

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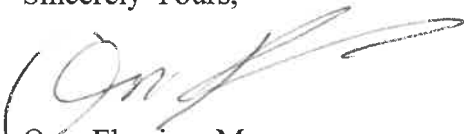
January 18, 2022

To: County Commissioners

The Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District will adopt the attached plan for the **County Wide Weed Management plan.**

If you have any further questions, please contact Oma at (970) 677-2283.

Sincerely Yours,



Oma Fleming, Manager
Dove Creek Mandatory
Weed Control District

County Wide

Local Advisory Weed Board Noxious Weed Management Plan

Noxious weeds are plants that have been deemed invasive, dangerous and/or toxic to a certain area or animals. These weeds are usually aggressive and can take over an area if not controlled with the correct management practices.

There are several steps to taking care of problem weeds:

First the County receives a complaint about uncontrolled noxious weeds or observes an area of uncontrolled noxious weeds.

Second the County will send a Control Notice to the landowner of that property.

Within a reasonable time after receipt of notification, which at no time shall exceed ten days, the landowner or occupant shall either:

(I) Comply with the terms of the notification;

(II) Acknowledge the terms of the notification and submit an acceptable plan and schedule for the completion of the plan for compliance; or

(III) Request an arbitration panel to determine the final management plan.

The arbitration panel selected by the local governing body shall be comprised of a weed management specialist or weed scientist, a landowner of similar land in the same county, and a third panel member chosen by agreement of the first two panel members. The landowner or occupant shall be entitled to challenge any one member of the panel, and the local governing body shall name a new panel member from the same category. The decision of the arbitration panel shall be final.

Fourth if the landowner chooses not to follow up with the County and take any action to destroy the weeds, the County will take action and use chemical sprays to eradicate the problem. The landowner will then be billed for the spraying through his or her taxes.

Obviously, the County would prefer not to go through with step 4. The County exists to protect native species of plants in County, not to cause landowners unwarranted stress.

There are over 300 field weeds on the State Noxious Weed List, but the County's primary focus is on Leafy spurge, Diffuse knapweed, Field bindweed, Oxeye daisy, Dalmatian toadflax, Musk thistle, Russian knapweed, Spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, Western whorled milkweed, Hoary cress (White top), Milkweed, Yellow star thistle, Houndstongue, Dyers woad and Halogeton.

These weeds must be controlled or eradicated to keep them from producing seed and spreading. Options for weed management include chemical spray, biological control, and mechanical control, and cultural practices which will have to be continued thru the summer, to keep from seeding.

If you choose the chemical route, the County highly recommends mowing first to stress the weed by forcing new growth. Then by spraying the new growth you have a better chance of long term control and always use a surfactant. If these options are not possible, the County encourages you to pick the heads and place them in a plastic bag to be destroyed.

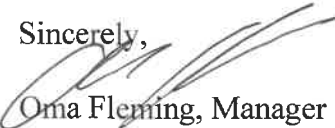
Massive Invasions of weeds does decrease property value and management will come off closing price.

You may visit this website to view the Colorado noxious weed list:

[Noxious Weed Species ID | Department of Agriculture \(colorado.gov\)](#)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (970) 677-2283.

Sincerely,



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Dove Creek Mandatory Weed Control District Wide Weed Management Plan

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Second the District will send a Control Notice to the landowner of that property.

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