

Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project
2025 Goals

- 1) YRLSP volunteers will work with partners: NPS/Dinosaur National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Routt County Weed Program, Moffat County Weed and Pest, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), Friends of the Yampa (FOTY), Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA), and others to finalize a 2025 work plan for the Inundative Biological Control Strategy grant.
- 2) Collect and/or purchase a minimum of 50,000 leafy spurge biocontrol beetles, with assistance from CDA, Moffat County, Routt County, CPW, NPS, Idaho BLM, and other partners. A primary source of these beetles will be a collection trip to Ashton, Idaho made by YRLSP volunteers and partners in July.
- 3) Release a minimum of 50,000 leafy spurge biocontrol beetles in the Yampa Basin.
- 4) Continue to monitor and evaluate progress of biocontrol insect establishment at prior release sites on the Yampa River State Wildlife Area to determine when the insect population will be robust enough to support a public biocontrol outreach event and a local catch-and-release event.
- 5) YRLSP partners will continue the two day Youth Outreach educational workshops in collaboration with local summer camps.
- 6) Organize a tenth annual Show Me Float in June.
- 7) Continue updating and revising the YRLSP website.
- 8) Continue outreach to landowners in Routt and Moffat Counties, including the promotion of the YRLSP website as a resource for the management of leafy spurge, including biological control.
- 9) Continue outreach and reports to supporting organizations as needed, including the Routt and Moffat County Boards of Commissioners, the FOTY board, Colorado First Conservation District, Routt County Conservation District, and others.
- 10) Bureau of Land Management to report on the progress of the proposed targeted sheep grazing management of leafy spurge in Tepee Draw. Continue to work with supporting landowners and partners on the implementation of integrated leafy spurge management strategies.
- 11) Dinosaur National Monument to implement Inundative Biological Control Strategy activities, including at least one river trip in the monument for leafy spurge biological control insect releases and one to two trips for Russian knapweed biological control insect releases.

- 12) Moffat County Weed and Pest to continue working with supporting landowners and partners on the implementation of integrated leafy spurge management strategies.
- 13) Routt County Weed Program to continue to monitor the management of the leafy spurge infestation on the SMV Stetson Ranch and adjacent lands near Stagecoach Reservoir. Continue to work with supporting landowners and partners on the implementation of integrated leafy spurge management strategies.