Mapping for Successful Management

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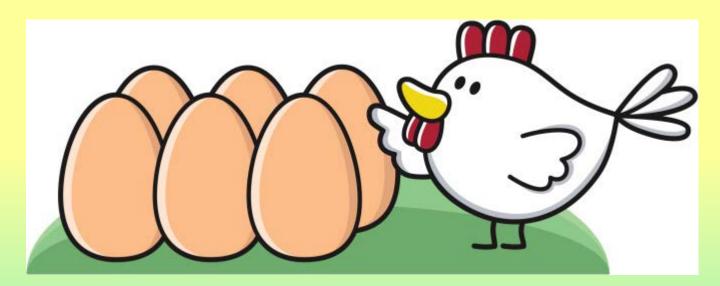
Outline

- Mapping and CDA guidelines
- EDDMapS
- Point, line, or polygon?
- Plant life cycles
- Examples of implementation

Mapping is DATA

Data is used to answer questions!

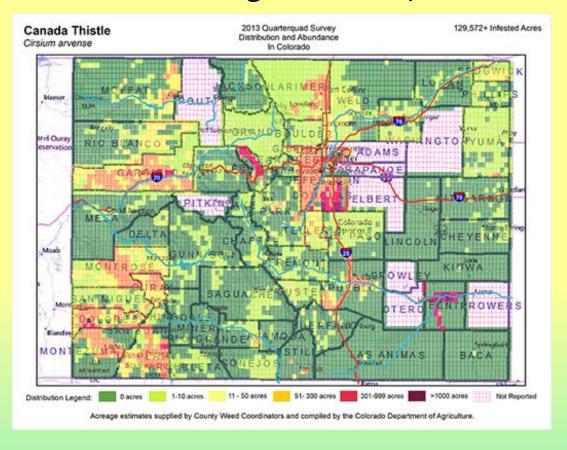
- Develop mapping procedures that reflect the challenges and objectives of your program.
- Develop objectives that reflect the established mapping procedures.

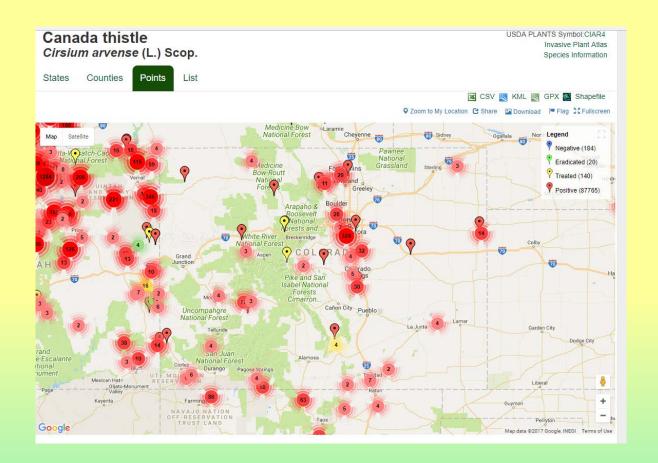


Mapping for State Compliance

Colorado Department of Agriculture mapping system:

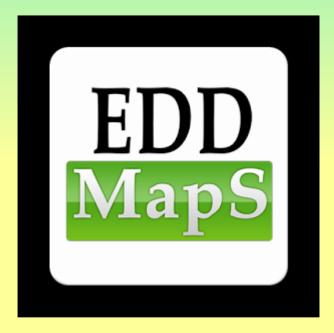
- Historically, Quarter Quads.
- Moving to EDDMapS.

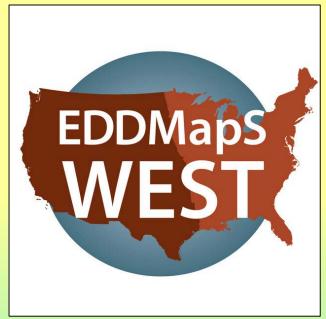




EDDMapS & EDDMapS West

- Free, accessible, easy to use mapping software.
- NEW Colorado State Wide Mapping System!!!
- Identification tools, pictures, distribution maps.
- State-specific species lists!
- Control and management reporting tools.
- Training tools, guides, walk-throughs, demos.
- Mobile Data and WIFI only upload options.
- Notifications for local managers.

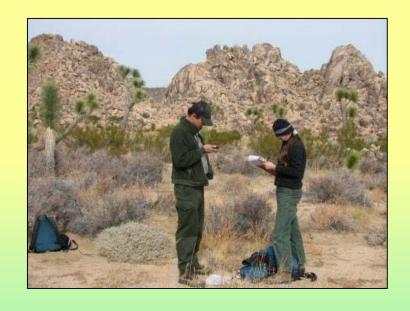


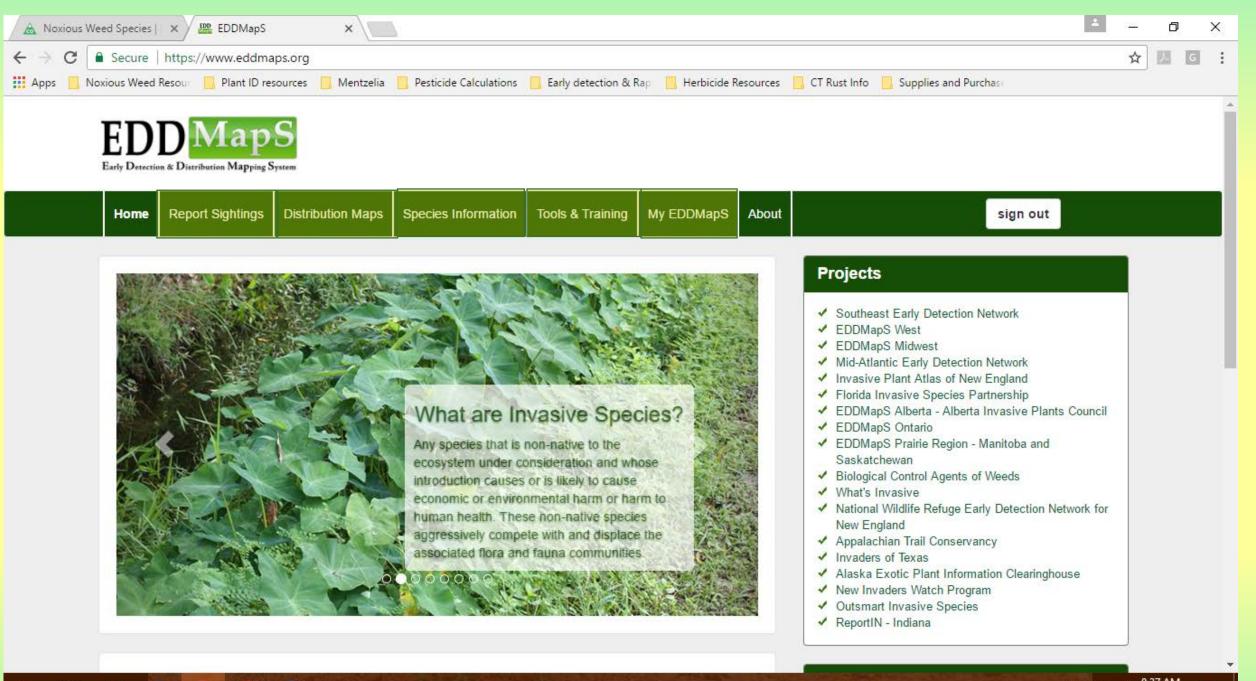


EDDMapS Data Requirements

- Observation Date (Automatically recorded in the app!)
- Scientific Name
- Common Name
- State (Automatically recorded in the app!)
- County (Automatically recorded in the app!)
- Latitude and Longitude (Automatically recorded in the app!)
- Reporter (Automatically recorded in the app!)
- Gross Area and Units
- Some measurement of the frequency of occurrence (Canopy Closure, density, abundance, number of plants, stem count)

















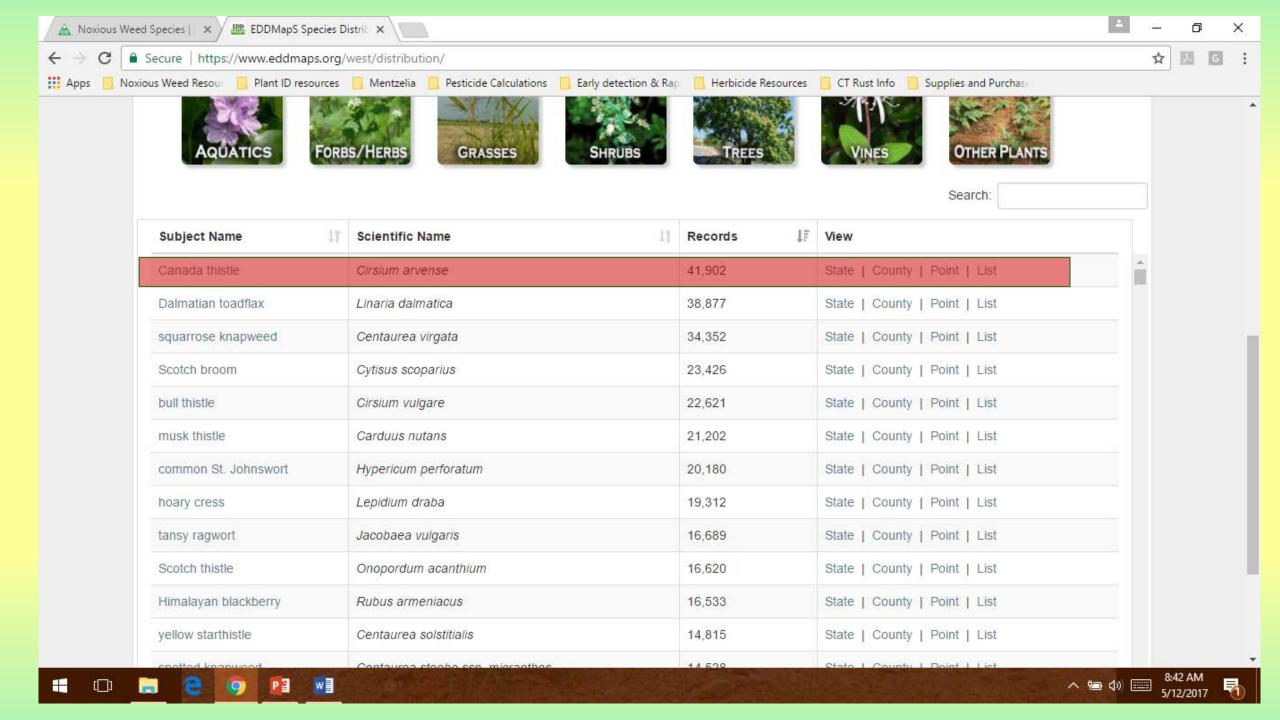


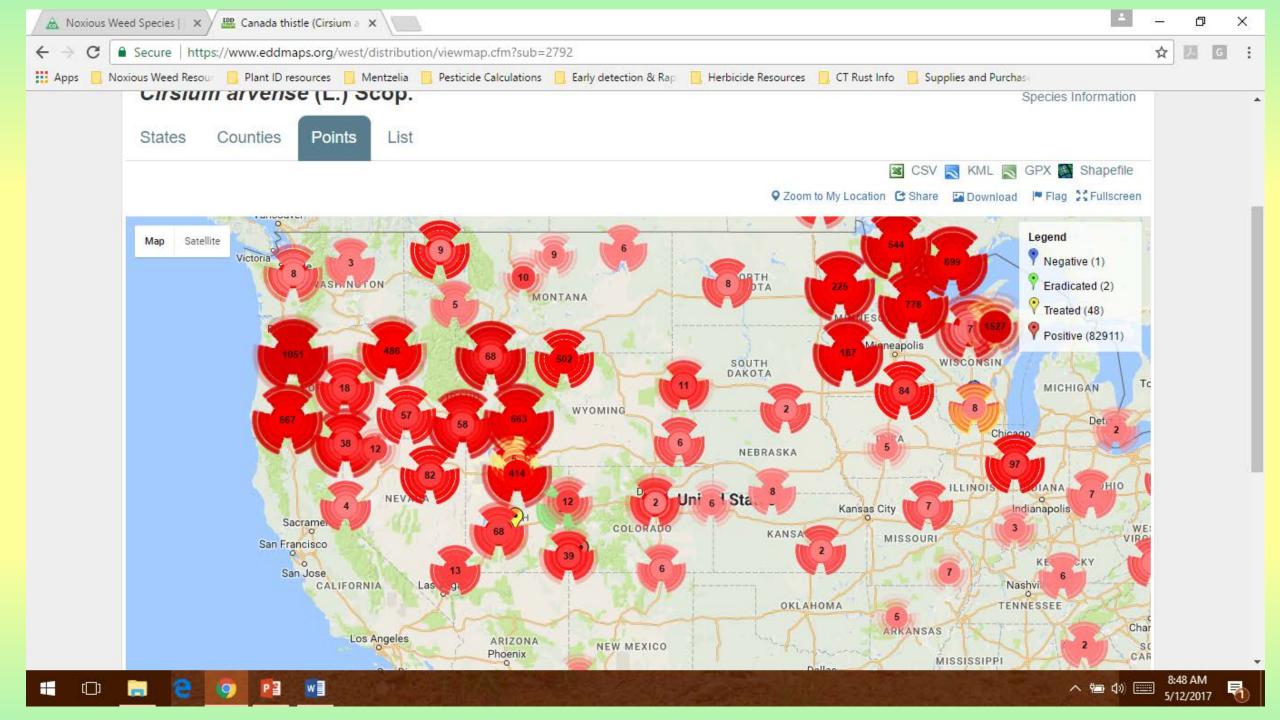


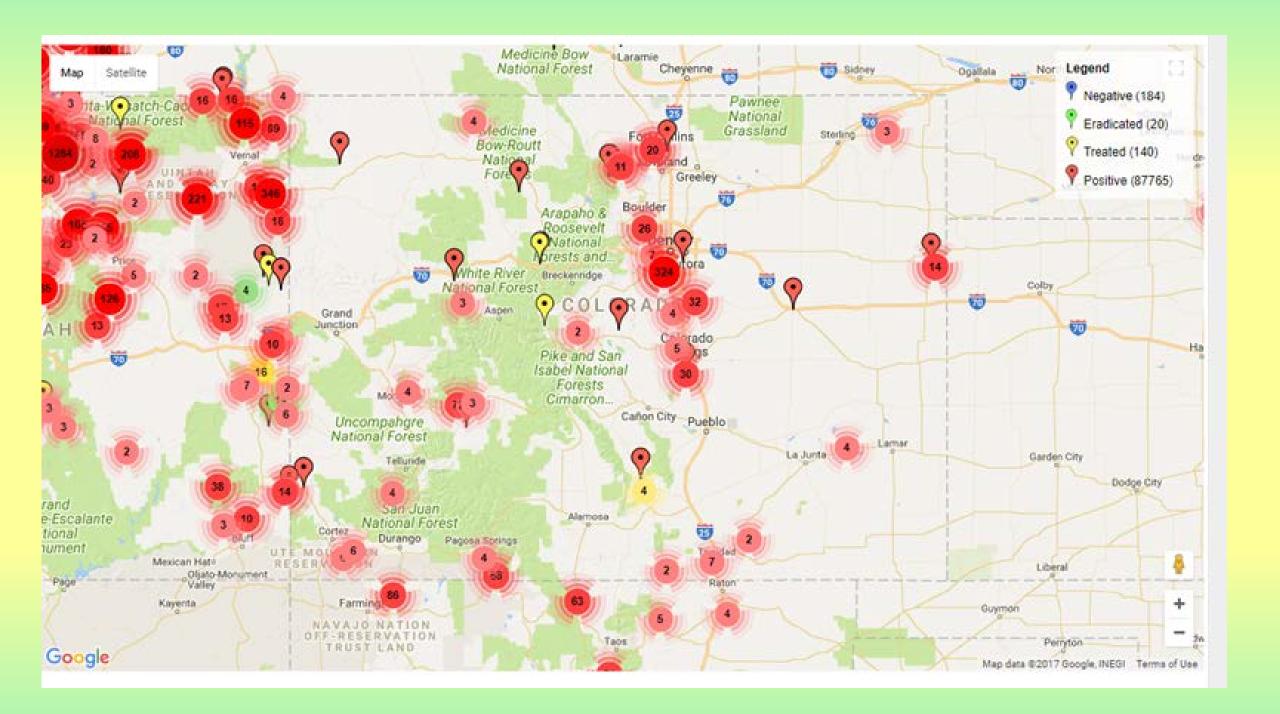


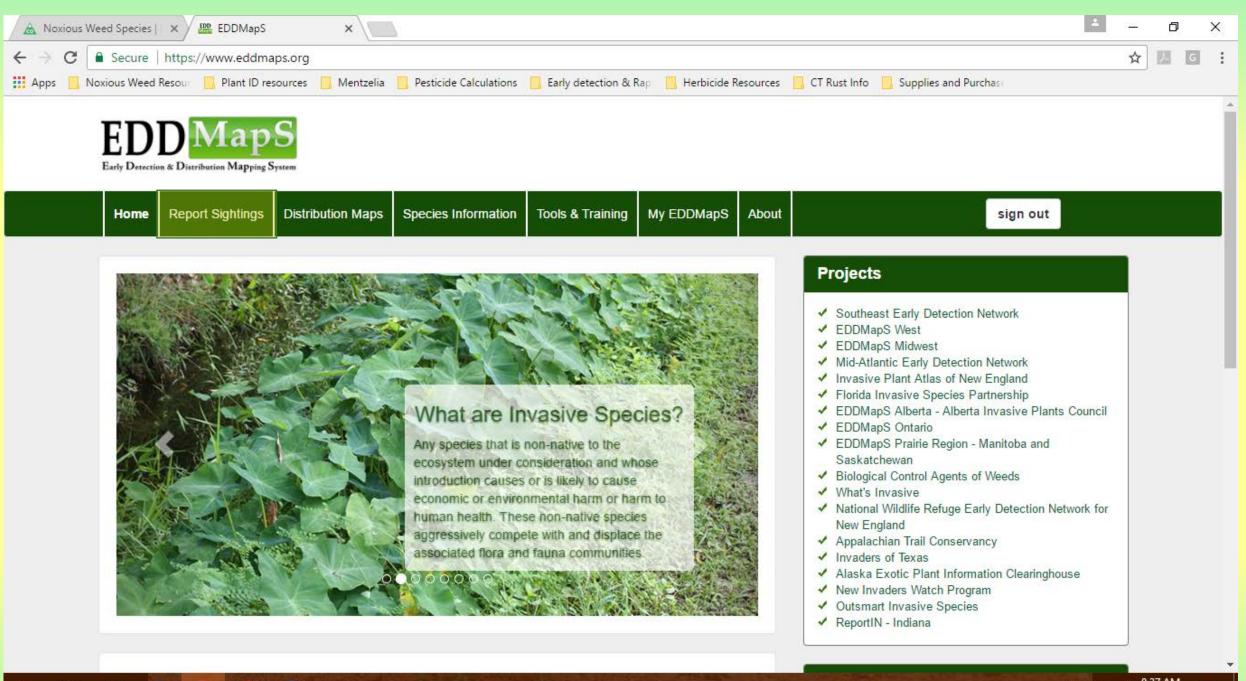






















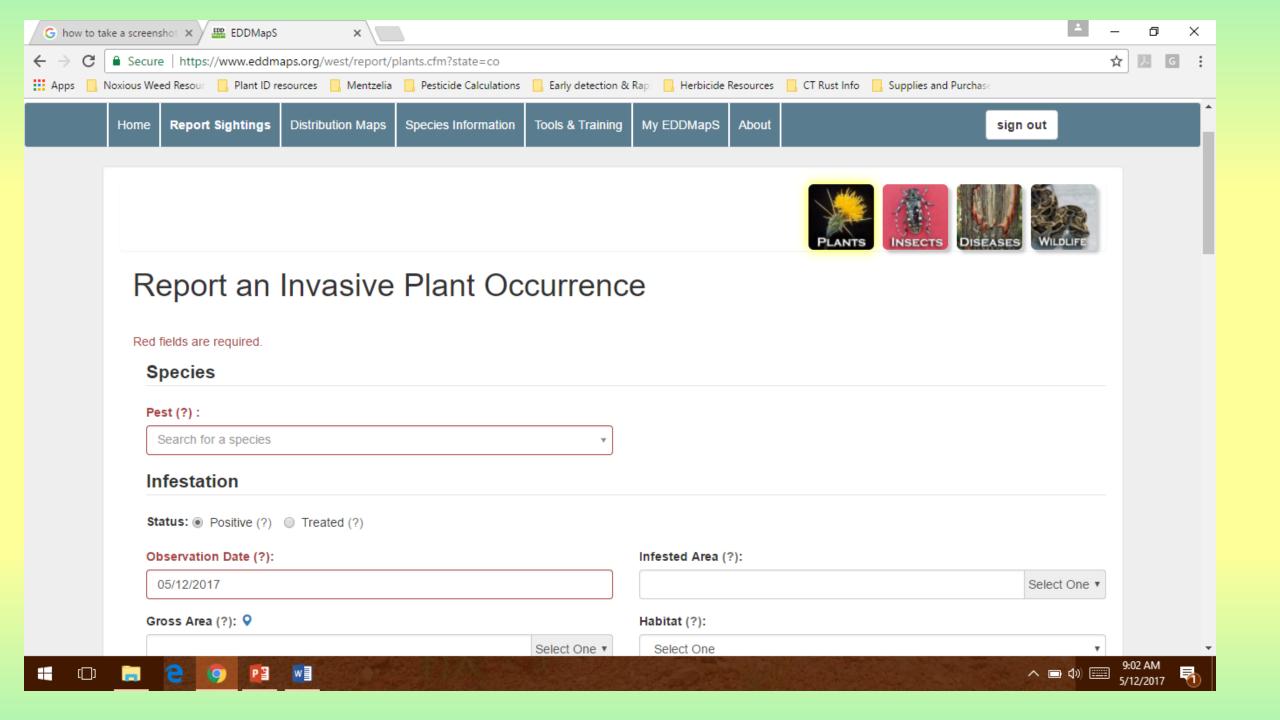


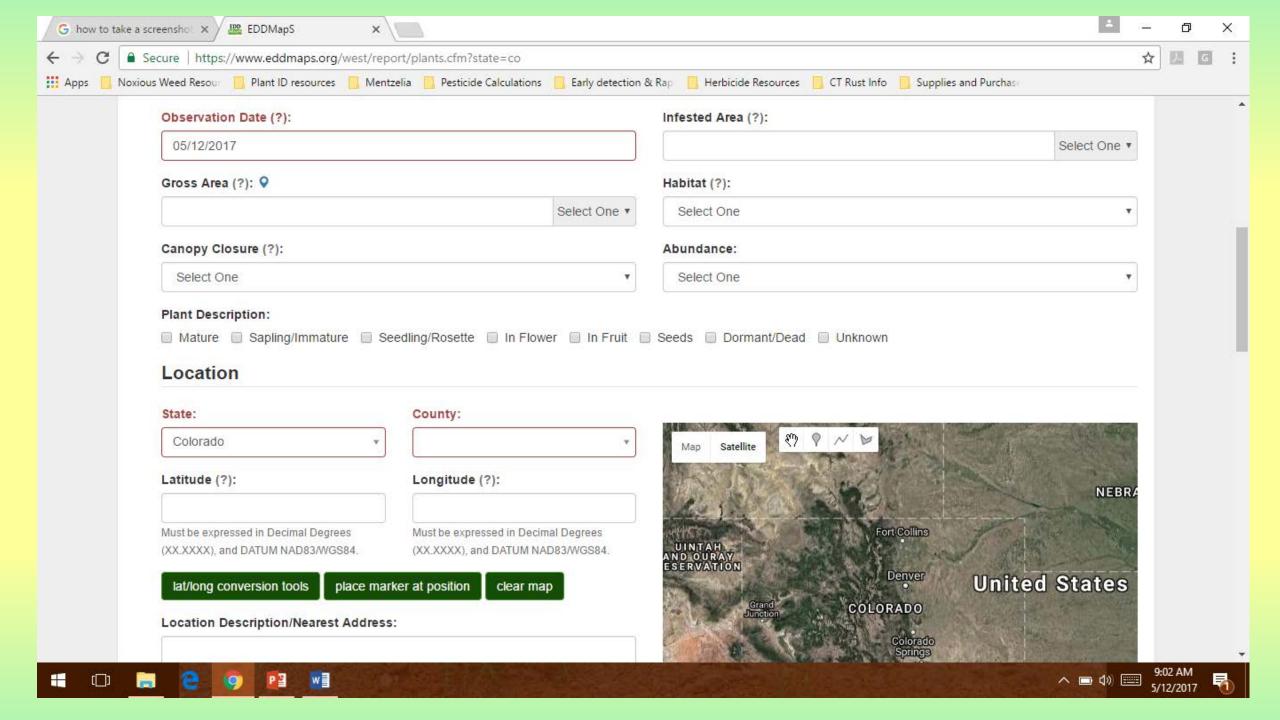


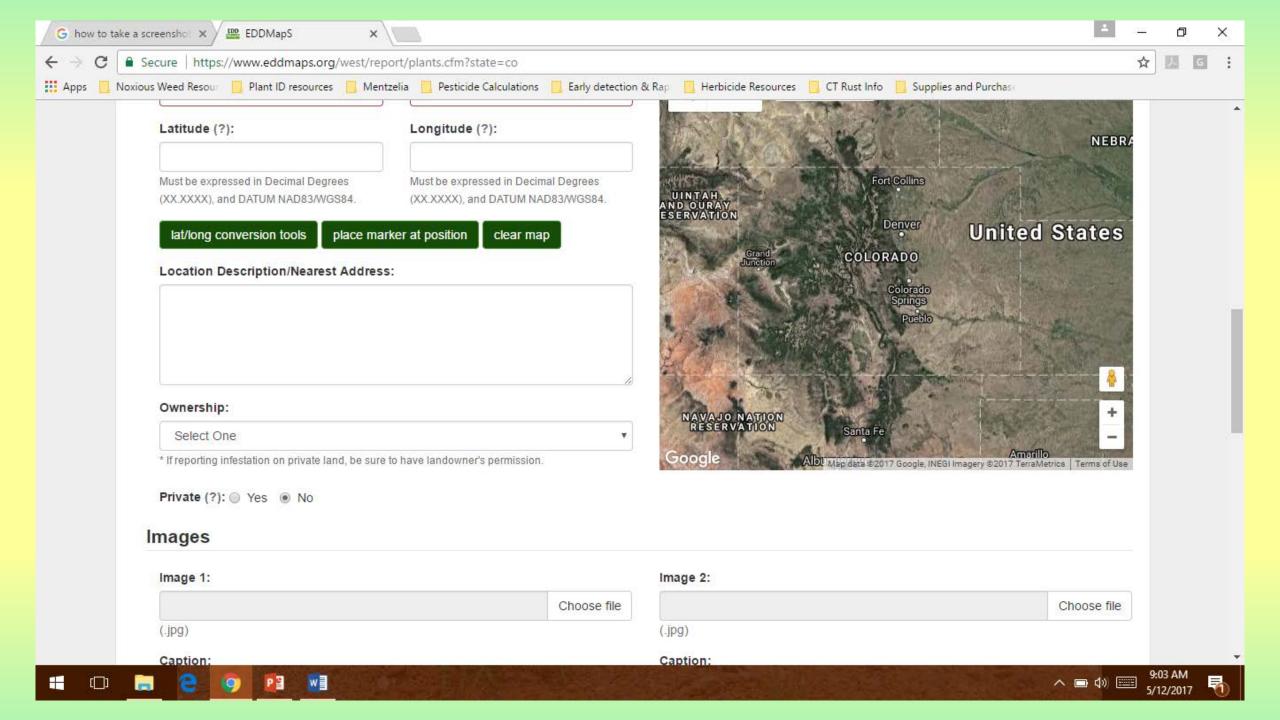










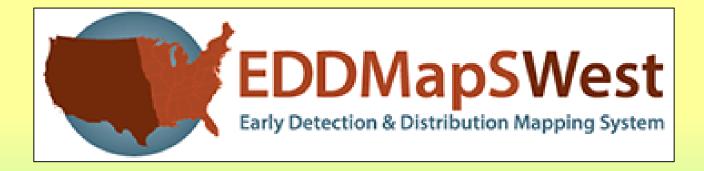


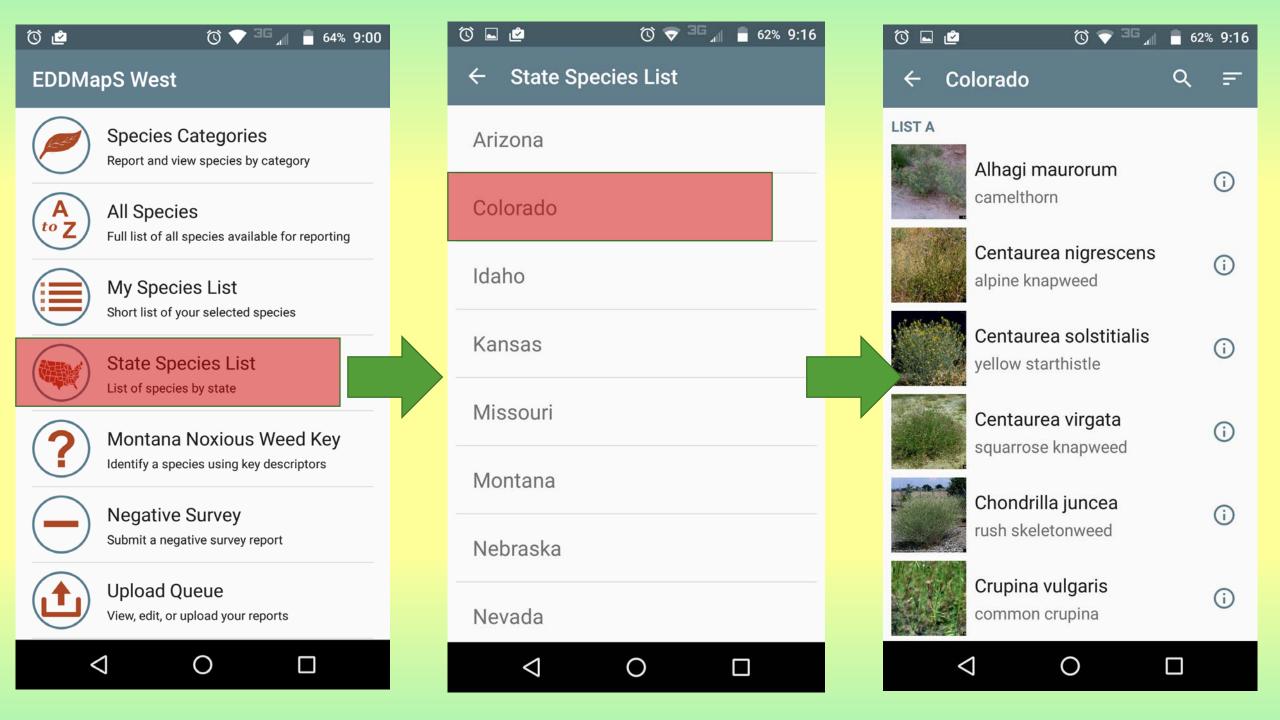
EDDMapS West Application

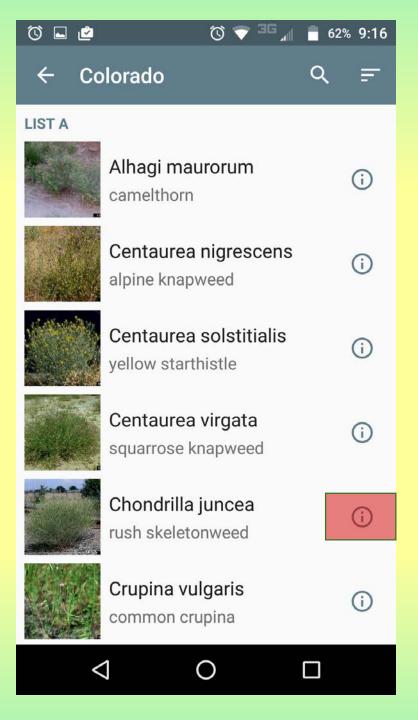
- Android or Apple.
- Same login information.
- Save species to a quick access list.
- Automatically records: Date, Time, Location, Accuracy.
- Attach photos to records.
- Saves records in a queue until internet is available.
- Easy to use reporting system!
- I receive notifications of new records and reports!

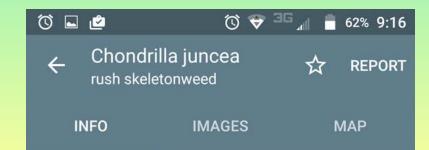
EDDMapS West

- Download in Google Play or Apple Stores FREE created by bugwood.
- Sign up or sign in with existing account information.









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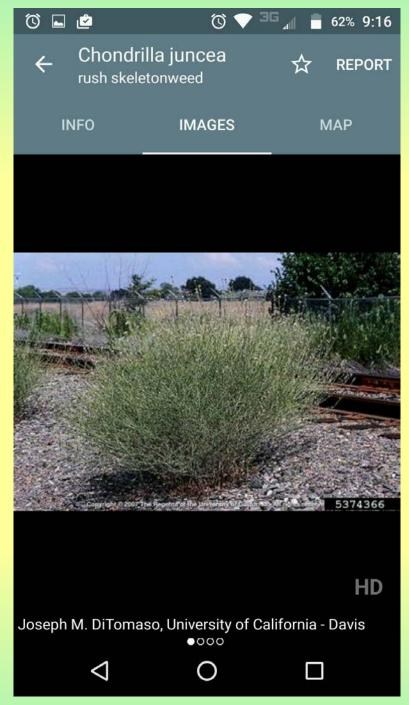
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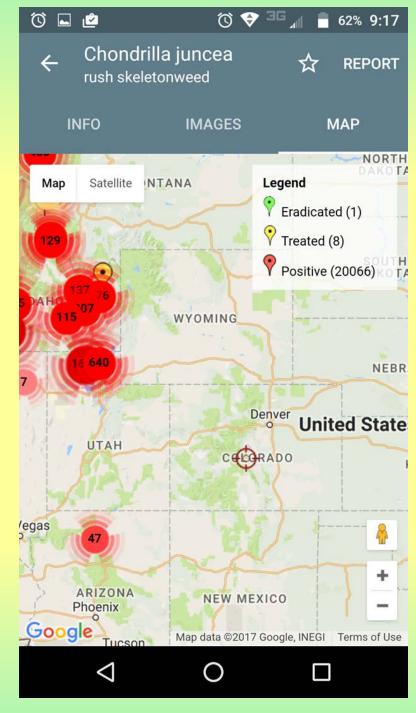
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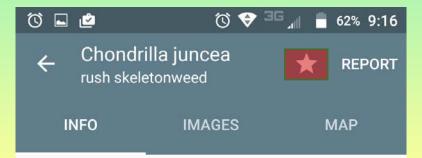
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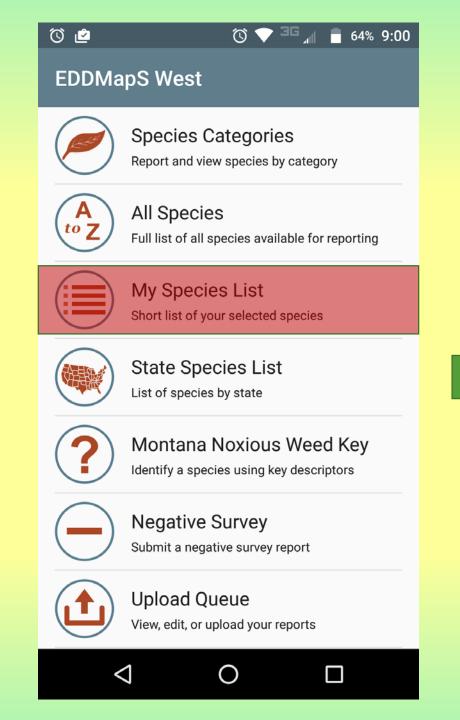
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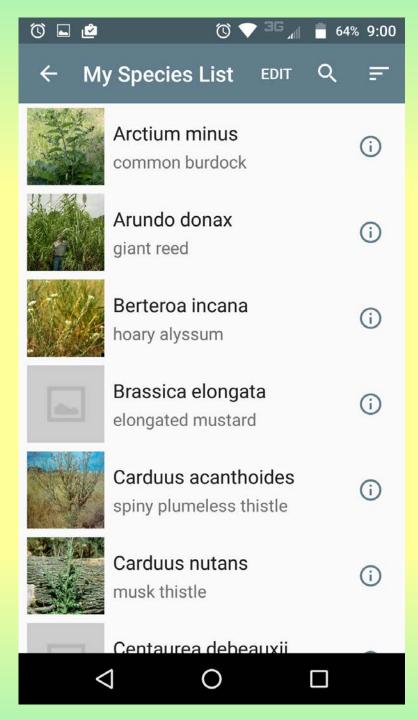
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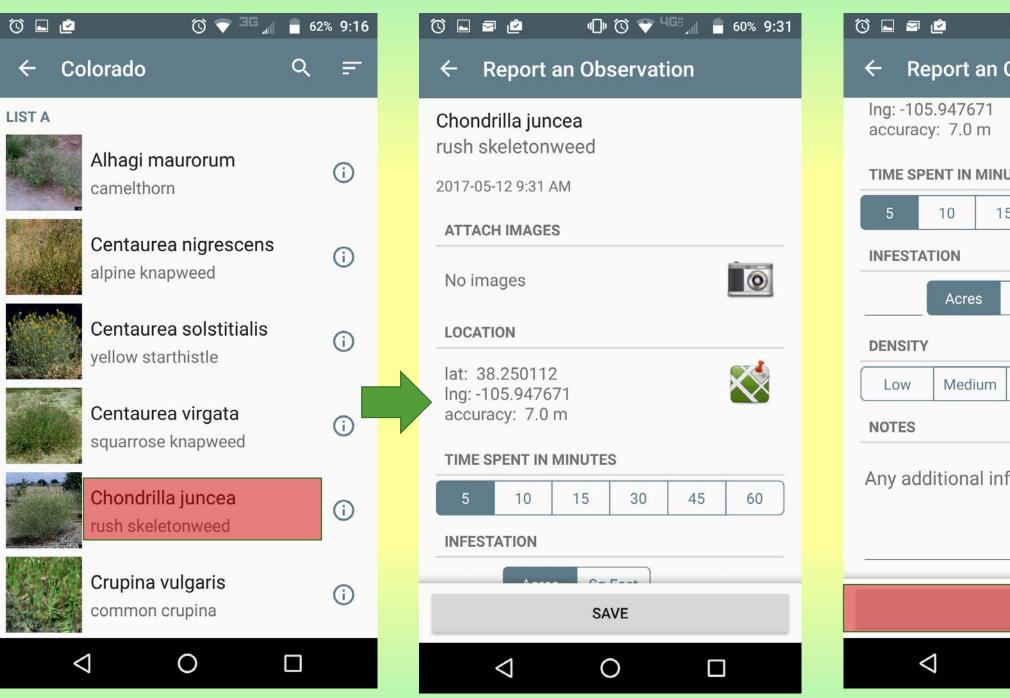


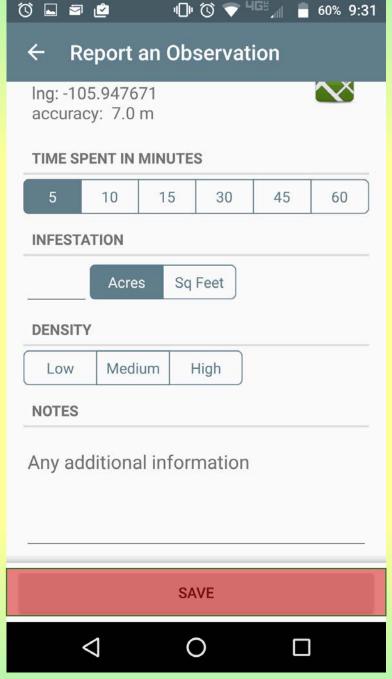


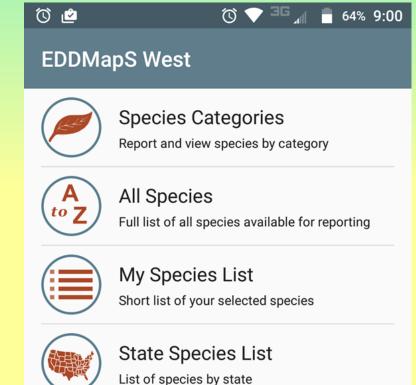












Montana Noxious Weed Key Identify a species using key descriptors

Negative Survey

Upload Queue

Submit a negative survey report

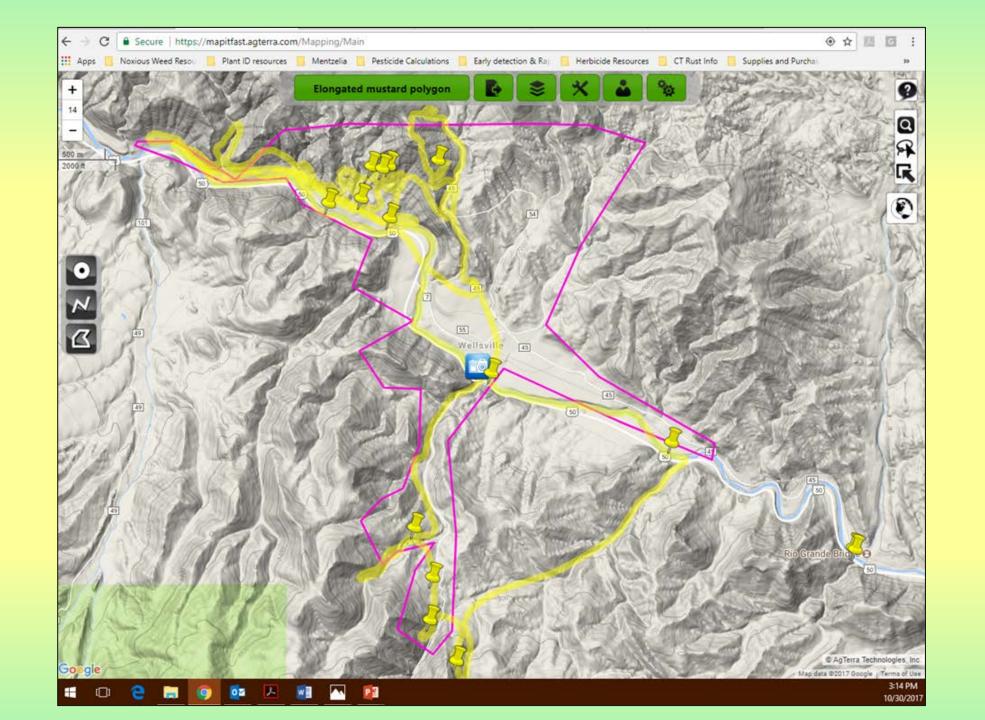
View, edit, or upload your reports

That's it! You are done!!

Polygon, Line or Point?

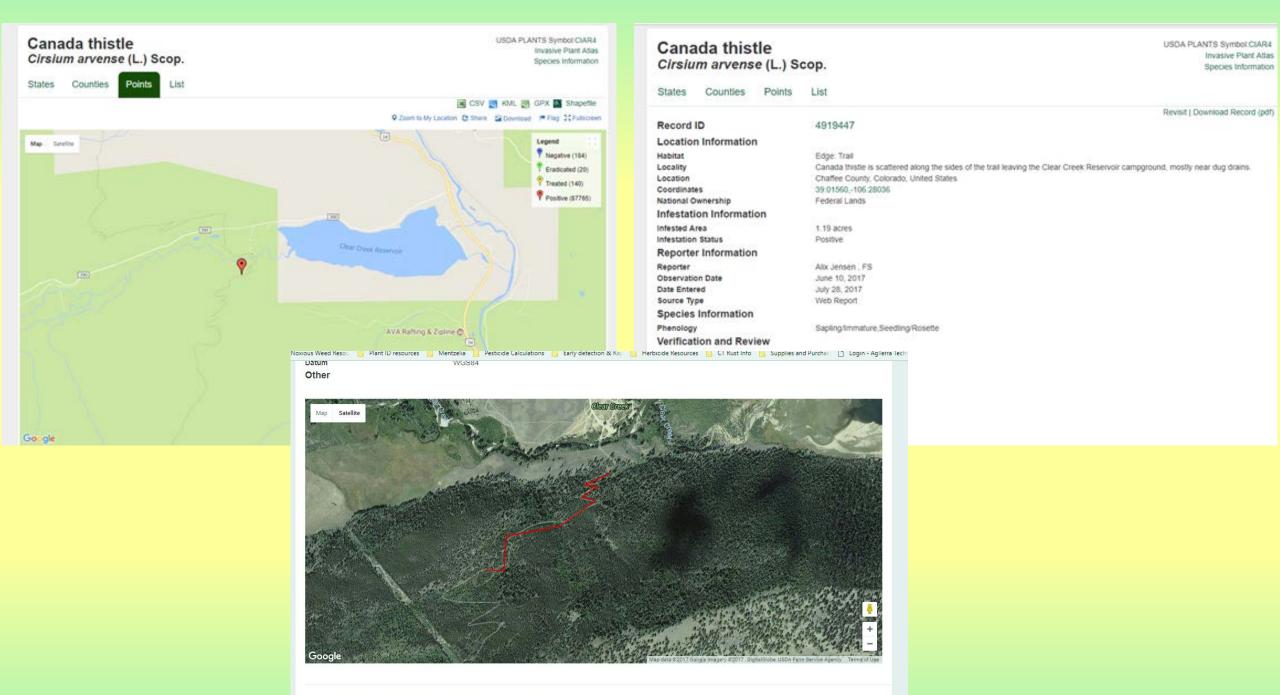
• List A Species:

- (REQUIRED) Map the gross area with a polygon that encompasses all of the infested areas.
- (Kayla recommends!) Map occurrences within the polygon with points or lines annually. This will allow you, as a manager, to track the changes in Alist species population occurrences and densities on a year-by-year basis.



Polygon, Line or Point?

- List B & C Species:
 - (REQUIRED) map the gross area of the list B species with a point to represent the densest portion of the population.
 - (Kayla Recommends!) IF your program objective is to eradicate the B-list species, include the polygon perimeter of the gross area and map occurrences within the population on yearly basis!



Plant Life Cycles

- Annual Plant germinates, matures, flowers, and produces seed in a single year.
- Biennial Plant germinates, grows for a year (generally in a rosette form), overwinters, then matures, flowers, and sets seeds in the second growing season, then dies.



Puncturevine



Houndstounge



Bull Thistle

Annuals & Biennials

- Quick Life Cycles.
- Depends on seed production.

MANAGEMENT GOAL: Stop seed production.

- A single treatment (in general) will kill existing plants.
- Needs to be repeated on newly germinated seedlings.

MAPPING FOR MANAGEMENT:

- Track-lines can be used to designate negative survey results.
- Record the species distribution within the infested area annually.
- Point data for each individual plant is ineffective due to their mobility

Plant Life Cycles

 Perennials – Plant germinates and grows. Individual plants may or may not set seed during first year of growth. Does not die back after maturing, flowering, and producing seeds.



Field Bindweed



Diffuse Knapweed



Yellow Toadflax



Hoary Cress

Perennial Life Cycles

• Simple Perennials – reproduces and spreads by seed only. Most have taproots.



Spotted Knapweed



Dandelion

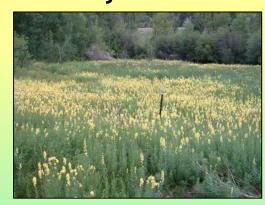


Broadleaf Plantain

• Creeping perennials – reproduce from root fragments, runners, rhizomes, or stolon as well as by seeds.



Canada Thistle



Dalmatian Toadflax



Leafy Spurge

Perennials

- Multiple-year life cycles.
- Rhizotomous plants do not require seeds for dispersal.

MANAGEMENT GOAL: Stop seed production and kill existing plants.

- Multiple herbicide/mechanical treatments can be necessary in order to kill a single individual plant.
- Intensive surveys to detect regrowth are necessary.

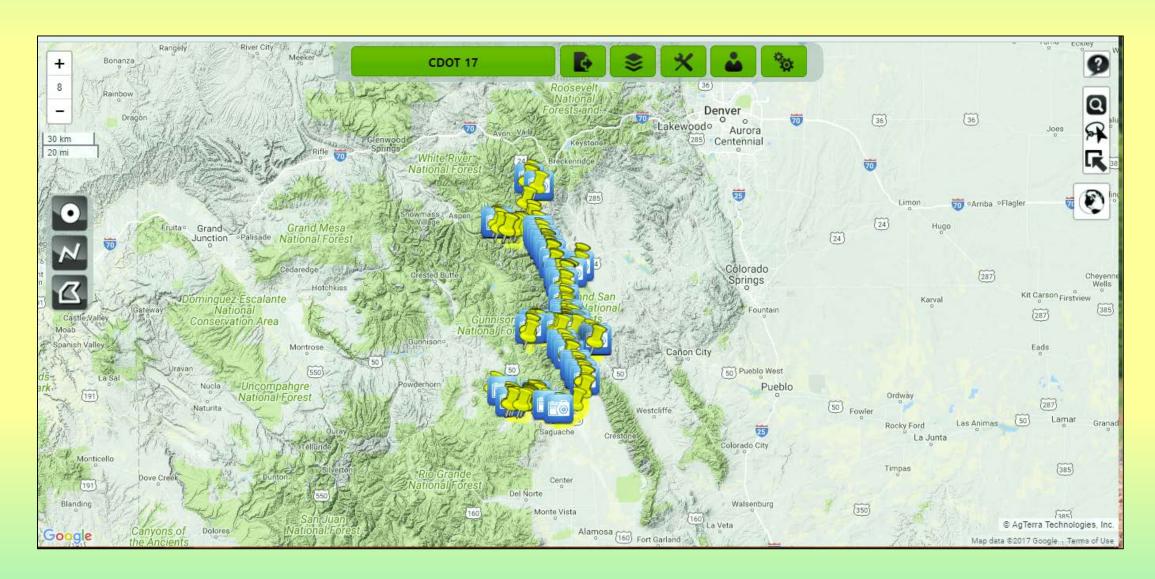
MAPPING FOR MANAGEMENT:

- Use track lines to record all negative surveys. Update existing point data to reflect treatment efforts.
- Use points to record the location of every individual plant.

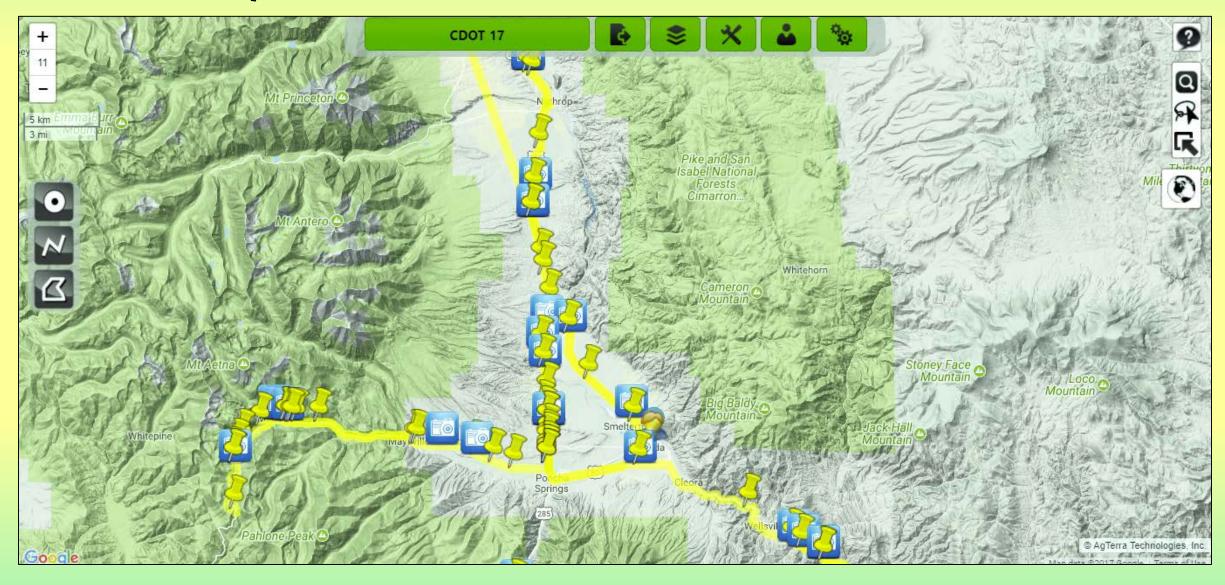
Mapping Strategies

- Chaffee County uses track lines to designate all activities; all detected plants are treated at the time of detection.
- Record mapping data based on the land use objectives:
 - Common annuals and biennials on roadways in single plant populations will not map.
 - Annuals and biennials on roadway in monoculture stands (more than 5 plants in a grouping) will map.
 - A single rhizotomous perennial on a roadway out of containment will map.
 - A single simple perennial on a roadway will map if objective is to eradicate, will not map if within designated suppression.
 - A population with multiple perennials in a stand will map regardless of objective status.

CDOT Mapping



CDOT 17



Private Property Treatment

- Objective: Suppress Canada thistle to reduce forage loss for grazing on private property.
- Need to know:
 - What physical areas were surveyed and treated?



Management Objectives

- Eradication reducing a noxious weed reproductive success to zero. Permanent elimination.
- Elimination Removal or destruction of all emerged, growing plants of a population.

The objective is to completely remove the noxious weed and all viable materials from the managed areas.







Data

- In order to successfully eliminate a target, you need to:
 - Remove all viable material prior to reproduction.
 - Repeat survey, detection, and treatment efforts annually for at least as long as the known seedbed.
- You need to know:
 - Expected seedbank life of the targeted noxious weed.
 - Maximum region the noxious weed had previous infested prior to control efforts.
 - The individual locations within a site that the weed has been identified.
 - Dates of survey and detection efforts.

Determine what Data is needed (EX 1)

Treat weed populations.

- No mapping data beyond state-requirements to meet objective.
- Record location information.

Re-treat weed populations.

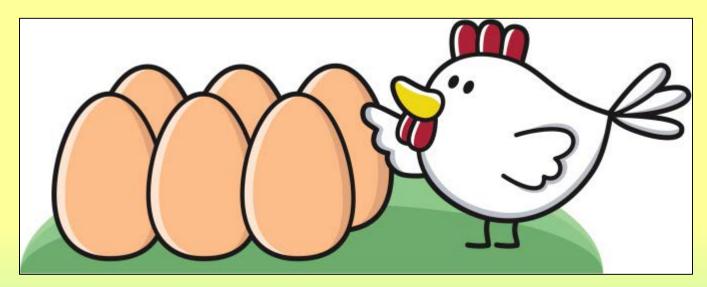
- Need to know where treatment has been conducted before.
- Record location and treatment information.

Re-treat known weed populations annually.

- Need to know all previously known weed populations.
- Need to know where previous treatments have been conducted.
- Need to track treatments for populations on an annual basis.

Mapping is DATA

- If you have established mapping procedures, review them to see if they fit your objectives.
- If you have established objectives, review them to see how mapping procedure fits.



MAKE MAPPING A MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE!