

**Utah Weed Control Association  
Annual Conference  
“Telling Your Story”**



**February 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Brigham Academy Center  
58 North Main  
Brigham City, Utah**

**UTAH WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**“Telling Your Story”**  
**February 19-20, 2025**

**Wednesday, February 19th**

- 8:00 am      **Registration and Trade Show Opens – Sponsors**  
9:00 am      Presidential Welcome, *Chad Dewey, President, UWCA*  
9:05 am      Special Guest: TBD, *Box Elder County*  
9:20 am      Keynote: TBD
- 10:10 am     **Break and Trade Show – Sponsors**  
10:30 am     UDAF Updates: Changes to the Noxious Weed Law, *Aaron Eagar, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food*  
11:00 am     USU County Extension Perspective, *Justin Smith, USU Extension*  
11:30 am     Vendor Recognition and Introductions – *Wyatt Freeze, Vice President Elect, UWCA*  
11:55 pm     Business Meeting: Financial Report and UWCA Officer Elections – *Corey Ransom, Treasurer, UWCA*  
12:00 pm     Special Tribute: Remembering Mike Cardon – *Amber Mendenhall, Vice President, UWCA*
- 12:05 pm    Lunch, Don’t forget to Vote for your favorite Photos!**

**Breakout Sessions 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.**

**Breakout Session A (Riparian Grazing)**

- 1:00 pm    The Story of Hydrilla: Identification and Control, *Bethany Muffley, Ada County Idaho*  
1:30 pm    The Story of Escalante: Watershed Riparian Restoration, *Clint Wirick, US Fish and Wildlife*  
2:00 pm    5 Year Phragmites Grazing Results, *Brittany Duncan, Utah Dept. of Ag. and Food*  
2:30 pm    The First Chapter in Remote Fencing in Phragmites Grazing, *Ashley Longmore, USU Extension*

**Breakout Session B (Ask the Experts)**

- 1:00 pm    Aquatic Plant ID – The Story of New Aquatics on the Noxious Weed List, *Mirella Ortiz, USU Extension*  
1:30 pm    Identification is Important! ID of Noxious Weeds in Utah, *Corey Ransom, USU Extension*  
2:00 pm    The Story of Mustards: Long time treatments of Elongated Mustard and Dyer’s Woad, *Eric Westra, USU Extension*  
2:30 pm    The Story of Sustainable Grazing, *Earl Creech, USU Extension (Or County Extension Agent)*

**3:00 pm    Break and Trade Show – Sponsors**

**Afternoon Session 3:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.**

- 3:30 pm    The Many Formulations of Round-up, *Corey Ransom, USU Extension*  
4:15 pm    The Story of Restoration at Bicknell Bottoms, *Jim Lamb, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources*  
5:00 pm    **Adjourn**  
5:05 pm    UWSA Annual Business Meeting, Room # TBA

## Thursday, February 20th

- 7:30 am      **Registration and Trade Show**
- 8:00 am      Presidential Welcome, *Chad Dewey, President, UWCA*
- 8:10 am      The Story of an Herbicide Investigation, **TBD**
- 8:50 am      The Story of Urban Weed Control and Small Acreage, Who's Problem is this,  
*Sara Jo Dickens, Ecology Bridge*
- 9:20 am      Suicide Prevention in Agriculture, *Jake Hadfield or Josh Dallin, USU Extension*
- 10:10 am     **Break and Trade Show – Sponsors**

### Breakout Sessions 10:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

<b>Breakout Session A (Prioritization and Modelling Tools to Tell Your Story)</b>		<b>Breakout Session B (Local Issues)</b>	
10:30 am	The Story of a Listed Noxious Weed (Models That Help Us Select Weeds on the List), <i>Corey or Aaron, USU</i>	10:30 am	The Story of Rush Skeletonweed: Identification and Control, <i>Wyatt Freeze, Box Elder County</i>
11:00 am	WHAT (Wildlife Habitat Assessment Tool), <i>Maeve Stevens, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources</i>	11:00 am	Biocontrol for Common Weeds (Bindweed and Puncturevine), <i>Amber Mendenhall, Utah Weed Supervisor's Association</i>
11:30 am	SIIPA 2.0 – Helping Guide Management Decisions in Utah, <b>TBD</b>	11:30 am	Success Stories in Phragmites, <b>TBD</b>

- 12:00 pm      Lunch: Awards, Election Results, Photo Contest Winners – Chad Dewey, UWCA President**

### Afternoon Session 1:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.

- 1:00 pm      LAW, *Alesha Baker, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food*
- 2:00 pm      SAFETY, *Rustin Walker, WCF Insurance*
- 3:00 pm      Presidential Wrap-up and Door Prizes – Chad Dewey, *UWCA President*
- 3:30 pm      **Adjourn**

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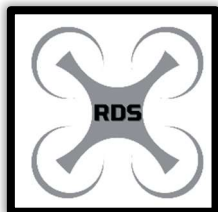
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Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>  
Morning General Session  
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