

UTAH WEED CONTROL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Meeting the Challenge”

February 18-19, 2026

Wednesday, February 18th (Credits)

8:00 am Registration and Trade Show Opens – Sponsors

9:00 am Presidential Welcome, *Amber Mendenhall, President, UWCA*

9:15 am Keynote - Invasive Annual Grass Control - Brian Mealor, University of Wyoming, or Ben Schow with USU Extension

10:00 am Break and Trade Show – Sponsors

10:30 am Weed work being done in Local National Parks - Alex Stoneburner

11:00 am UDAF Updates - Aaron Eager

11:30 am Vendor Recognition and Introductions – *Keith Hambrecht, VP Elect, UWCA*

11:55 pm Business Meeting: Financial Report and UWCA Officer Elections – *Corey Ransom, Treasurer, UWCA*

12:00 pm Lunch, Don't forget to Vote for your favorite Photos!

Breakout Sessions 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

| Breakout Session A | | Breakout Session B | |
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| Meeting the Challenges of Application | | Meeting the Challenges of Weed Identification | |
| 1:00 pm | Aquatics Application - Mirella Ortiz | 1:00 pm | Sahara Mustard - Natalie Fronk |
| 1:30 pm | Woody Plant Treatment - Chad Dewey/Braxton | 1:30 pm | Weed Monitoring - Brittany Duncan |
| 2:00 pm | Backpack Spayer Calibration - Dave | 2:00 pm | Genetic Testing & Aquatic Look Alikes - Francielli Oliveira |
| 2:30 pm | Swath Gobbler - Eric Westra | 2:30 pm | Before & After Picture Taking - Jerry Caldwell |

3:00 pm Break and Trade Show – Sponsors

Afternoon Session 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

3:30 pm UTV Safe Practices & Operation - Wyatt Freeze, Box Elder County

5:00 pm Adjourn

5:05 pm UWSA Annual Business Meeting, Room # TBA

Thursday, February 19th (Credits)

7:30 am Registration and Trade Show

8:00 am Presidential Welcome and Comments, *Amber Mendenhall, President, UWCA*

8:10 am Desert Tortoise Interactions - Ann Mclucky

9:00 am AJ Ferguson - Safety

10:00 am Break and Trade Show – Sponsors

Breakout Sessions 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

| Breakout Session A | | Breakout Session B | |
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| Meeting the Challenges of Aquatic Weed Treatment | | Meeting the Challenges of Revegetation | |
| 10:30 am | Practical Treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil & Parrotfeather - Jake Forsgren, Cache County | 10:30 pm | Upland Habitat Vegetation - Kevin Gunnell |
| 11:00 am | Specialized Aquatic Treatment - Mirella Ortiz | 11:00 pm | Rangeland Seeding - Matt Madsen |
| 11:30 am | Establishing Desirable Species in Wetlands - Karin Kettenring, USU | 11:30 pm | Weed Management in Agronomics Planting - Earl Creech |

12:00 pm Lunch: Awards, Election Results, Photo Contest Winners – Amber Mendenhall, UWCA President

Afternoon Session 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

1:00 pm Law (reading the label of generic herbicides) - Amy Davidson

2:00 pm Palmer Amaranth Panel (resistance, agronomics, legality) - Aaron, Corey, Earl

2:30 pm Local Weed Issues - Ben Scow &/or Brad Winder

3:00 pm Weed ID Contest Results - Aaron Eager

3:30 pm Adjourn