Field Operations

Initiatives to encourage responsible OHV recreation on public lands

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Partner Relations

- OHV education & Demographics
 - Registration
 - Community improvements (Signs, CFRs)
- Ground truth data
 - Accurate Maps across jurisdictions
 - USFS, BLM, State lands
 - Law Enforcement
 - OHV Friendly Communities
- Tourism







Mapping Initiatives

- Improve user experience
 - Recommended rides
 - Trailside Amenities
 - Trail Difficulty
- Vistas, lookouts, and scenery
- Environmental Impacts
 - Designated routes





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Invasive Species

- Definition: Plants, animals and microorganisms that outcompete the Native ecosystem for space and resources
- Noxious weed: Considered harmful to the environment and subject to regulations attempting to control it
- Impacts of Dispersal:
 - Negative impacts to economy, environment, or human health
 - Trails become impassable due to overgrowth
- Examples: Russian Knapweed Yellow Starthistle

Russian Knapweed Rhaponticum repens



Upper left: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, Bugwood.org Upper right: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, Bugwood.org Bottom center: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, Bugwood.org

Yellow Starthistle

Centaurea solstitialis



Invasive Species Controls

- Biological & Mechanical controls
 - Spraying & Pulling
- Public education
 - Play Clean Go
 - **REMOVE** plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets & vehicle.
 - **CLEAN** your gear before entering & leaving the recreation site.
 - STAY on designated roads & trails.
 - **USE CERTIFIED** or local firewood & hay.
 - Wash OHVs before the next trail!





