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# WEEDS CROSS BORDERS TOUR HELD

A “Weeds Cross Borders” Tour was recently held starting at the Courthouse in Republic and traveling through Curlew, Grand Forks and Christina Lake. The tour featured stops showing: the Common bugloss weed near the Republic Cemetery; WSU Extension Hoary alyssum control plots in Malo; the WSU Integrated Weed Control Bioagent USFS Project release site at Rincon road; the Dalmatian toadflax bioagent gathering site in Danville; the “Weed Wash” unit operating at the border crossing; the Scented chamomile and Houndstongue and bioagent site in Grandforks; the Trans-Canadian Gas line project; and Eurasian milfoil and Orange/meadow Hawkweed on Lake Christina.

The tour was organized and co-hosted by WSU Ferry County Extension and the Ferry County Noxious Weed Control Board in collaboration with the Okanogan County Noxious Weed Control Board and British Columbia Boundary Weed Management Area, and the BC South Okanogan-Similkameen Weed Management Area. Participants included State Reps Joel Kretz and Judy Warnick, Senator Bob Morton, Cathy McMorris-Rodgers Congressional office, State and Federal Dept. of Transportation, local and Regional USFS, BLM, DNR, Commissioners, Ministry of Agriculture and many others. In all, over sixty participants loaded a bus and participated in this educational program for the day to show the progress and the work to do in battling invasive weeds. Highlights included seeing bioagent impacts, plot results, and the entry of a new insect, *Mogulones that* crossed the border this year, south of Grand Forks, that eats Houndstongue.

The Weeds Cross Borders Project is a collaborative effort by the 5 tour organizing partners to coordinate education, weed prioritization and control across the US and Canadian border in our region. It is being recognized nationwide as an example of international cooperation. For more information on the project, contact Dan Fagerlie, WSU Ferry County and Colville Reservation Extension Director at 509 775-5235. Dan’s participation in the project is part of his office’s Statewide Integrated Weed Control Project, funded by the USFS Regional and local offices through State and Private Forests and Secure Rural Schools RAC funds.

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Dan Fagerlie, WSU Ferry County Extension, welcoming everyone at the start of the Weeds Cross Borders tour at the Commissioner's office.



Joe Yenish, WSU Weed Specialist reviewing the results of 2 years of tracking the new invader, Hoary alyssum control plots at Malo on the Somday family ranch.