

# STOCK GROOMING STATION

**GROOM YOUR ANIMALS BEFORE AND AFTER ENTERING PUBLIC LAND AT THESE DESIGNATED SITES. THIS WILL CONSOLIDATE THE AREAS INFESTED BY NOXIOUS WEED SEEDS SPREAD BY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**



When grooming stock focus on:

- Mane
- Tail
- Legs
- Between legs
- Hooves
- Belly

These are the areas where the majority of weed seed will be found and are transferred from location to location.

GROOMING STOCK PROPERLY WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT PUBLIC LAND BUT WILL ALSO BENEFIT YOUR LAND!!!!

**Noxious weeds can reduce grazing capacities for wildlife and livestock by 65%-**

## What else can I do to prevent the spread of noxious weeds?

- ◆ Feed your animals Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage 72 hours prior to entering public land in Montana or Idaho
- ◆ Brush the coat and clean the hooves and feet of other animals (dogs, goats, etc.) before, after, and throughout your time recreating
- ◆ Before and after your trip, thoroughly power wash your vehicle and undercarriage
- ◆ Drive only on established roads (avoid driving through weed infested areas)
- ◆ Avoid setting up camps in weed infested areas
- ◆ Clean clothing and outdoor recreation equipment thoroughly and often (boots, socks, pants, jackets, waders, saddles, blankets, backpacks, tents, etc.)
- ◆ Leave areas in better condition than when you found them (pull up all known noxious weeds)

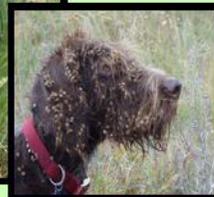
## WEEDS TO WATCH FOR



### ← **HOUNDSTONGUE**

*Cynoglossum officinale*

- ◆ The seeds have been credited as the inspiration for velcro
- ◆ Has an uncanny ability to disperse its seeds
- ◆ Produces reddish-purple flowers
- ◆ Oblong leaves are covered in soft white hairs and have deep veins



### ← **YELLOW STARHISTLE**

*Centaurea solstitialis*

- ◆ Radiating out from below the yellow flowers are 3/4 inch long, straw-colored spines
- ◆ The grayish or bluish-green rigid stems appear to be winged
- ◆ Stems and leaves are covered in cottony white hairs
- ◆ 2-6 feet tall

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