Fall 2015

# Recovering from Wildfire

severe the burn was.

The Colville Confederated

Range Program in collabo-

Conservation District has

individuals that have been impacted by the recent

Tunk Block and North Star

The program will also have seeders available for check-

Tribes Land Operations/

ration with the Colville

some seed available for

Fires.





n excellent first step after a wildfire is to re-seed grass in areas with moderate- high burn severity. Re-seeding is recommended in areas that burned at a high intensity, areas where weeds are a concern, or in areas where soil loss is a concern (ie; steep slopes void of vegetation). Keep in mind that plants can recover after wildfire depending on how

## **Biological Controls**

Biological controls are small insects that feed on noxious weeds, reducing their ability to reproduce and spread, they are an excellent tool to reduce large weed populations.

weed species; Dalmatian toadflax, diffuse and spotted knapweeds, Russian knapweed, Canada thistle and common St. Johnswort.

Biological controls are

available for the following

Please contact the CCT Land The Land Operations/ Range program and the Colville Conservation District can give site specific recommendations on reseeding to reach the goals that you have set for the property.

Please contact the program to see if you qualify to participate in this program.

Operations/Range Program

to see if these insects

would be right for your

To have your name added

to the list for FREE distri-

bution as insects become

available in 2016 please

contact: 509-634-2338



#### Biological controls available for the following weed species:

property.

- Dalmatian Toadflax
- Diffuse and Spotted Knapweeds
- Russian Knapweed
- Canada thistle
- Common St. Johnswort

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### **Cost Share Program**

After a wildfire or other major soil disturbance, noxious weeds are often one of the first plant species you will find. These aggressive weeds use this opportunity to gain a foothold on the newly disturbed ground. After a wildfire it is important to survey your property and look for and treat these noxious weeds. A combination of control methods such as herbicides, reseeding and the use of biological agents, makes for a well rounded Integrated Weed Management Program.

Please contact the Land Operations/Range program if you are interested in having a free onsite weed consultation to learn what invasive weed species are growing on your property and what control methods would work best for you.

The program will also provide herbicides for use on noxious weeds, please contact



Pictured above: Hoary alyssum a very aggressive noxious weed

### **Map Assistance**

If you are in need of maps or copies of grazing permits for any FSA or NRCS applications, please contact the Range Program at 509-634-2307.

For additional assistance in receiving information on programs that can provide assistance to wildfire impacted individuals on the Colville Reservation please contact the following programs:

#### **Colville Conservation District**

509-634-2374

#### **Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)**

509-634-2320



### Fencing Assistance

The Colville Reservation Conservation District will be offering assistance in fire recovery programs, working closely with: Tribal, State, County, and Federal agencies. On-site assessments for land owners/users will be available though a partnership with the Okanogan Conservation district and the CCT Land Operations Program. Site visits will address needs for restoration and help direct landowners to any and all available programs that will match these needs. The district will be offering a fire wise program that will help landowners assess their proper-



ty for fire risks and provide technical assistance in safe guarding homes and property from future fire risks.

In addition, the Conservation District be providing limited fencing supplies for those that have lost pastured areas. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email at the following:

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