

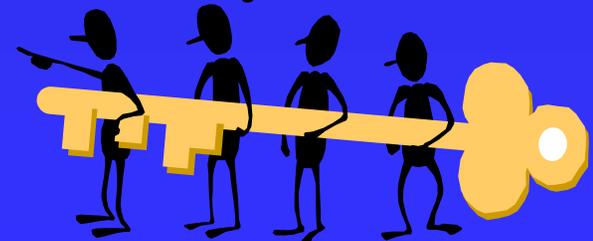
Lemhi Cooperative Weed Management Area – Cooperation is the Key



Joint Ventures
Partners in Stewardship
Los Angeles, CA

Who is Shannon Williams?

- Wife and mother of 2
- Extension Educator for University of Idaho
- Started in 2000
- Assignments – Production Agriculture, Natural Resources & the Environment, Community Development, and 4-H
- Inherited the job as Lemhi County Weed Supervisor



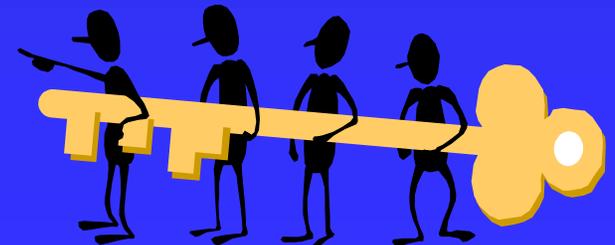
Lemhi County, Idaho

- 4,564 square miles
- 93% public lands
- 2,931,136 acres of land
- 2 major rivers
 - ◆ Salmon River
 - ◆ Lemhi River



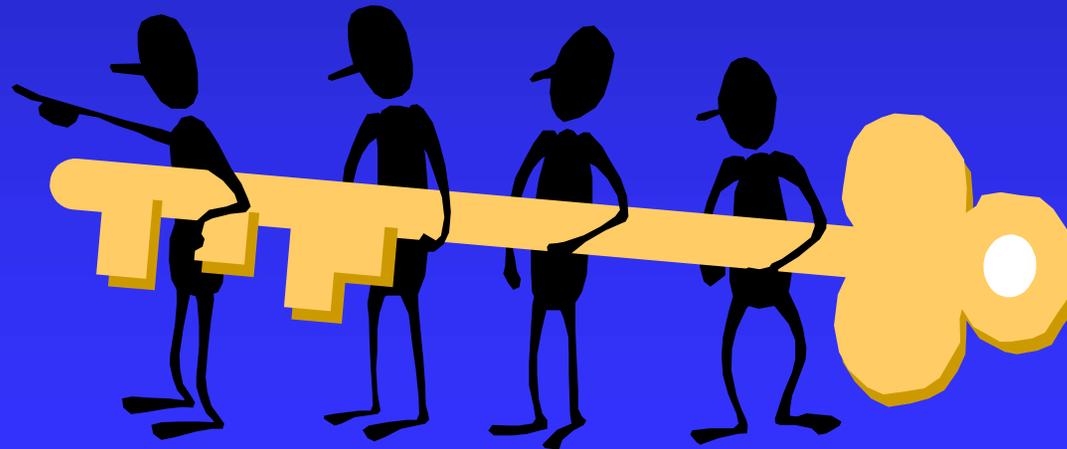
CWMA History

- Formed in 1998
- Cooperators
 - ◆ Extension
 - ◆ Forest Service
 - ◆ Bureau of Land Management
 - ◆ Fish & Game
- Divided the county into 10 weed management zones



CWMA Today

- Signed formal agreement in 2001
- Have 13 partners
- 2003 – 18 CWMA Projects



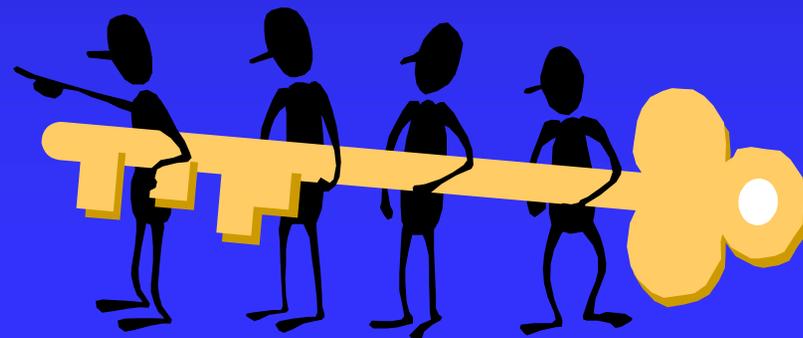
Cooperators

- Lemhi County
- USFS – 3 ranger districts
- BLM – 2 management districts
- Soil & Water Conservation District
- Natural Resource Conservation Service
- Private Citizens
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- University of Idaho – Extension Service
- Salmon City
- Leadore City
- Idaho Department of Transportation
- Idaho Department of Agriculture
- Idaho Department of Lands



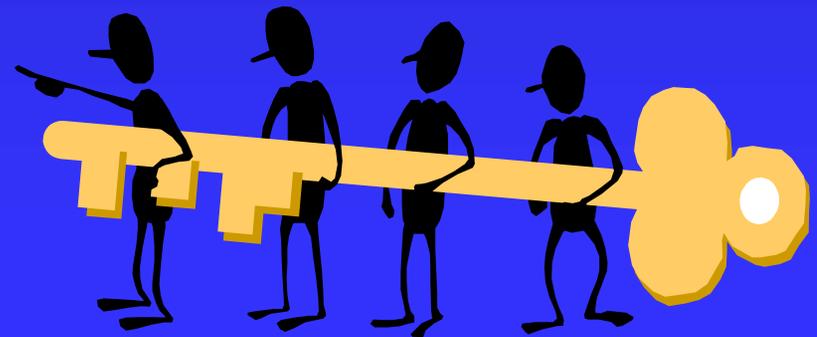
Keys to Success – Weed Management Plan

- Lemhi County divided into 10 management zones
- Each zone has designated weeds and management strategies
- Update each year with annual operating plan



Keys to Success – Formal Agreement

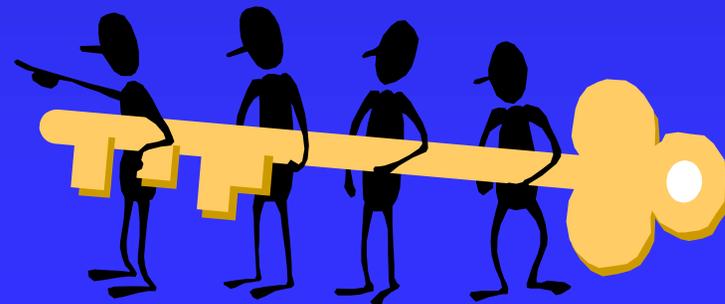
- Allowed “blurring of property lines”
- Allows funding to move from agencies to the CWMA
- Fiscal manager – Lemhi County
 - ◆ Revolving Weed Trust



Keys to Success – Private Citizens

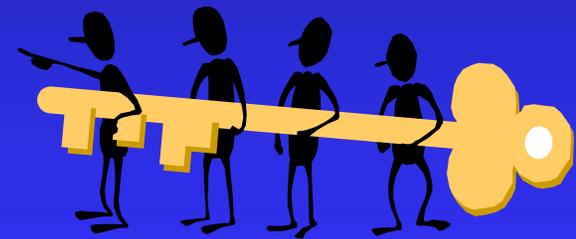


- Identify citizens in “areas”
- Requirement – hate noxious weeds
- Schedule meetings that work for their schedule



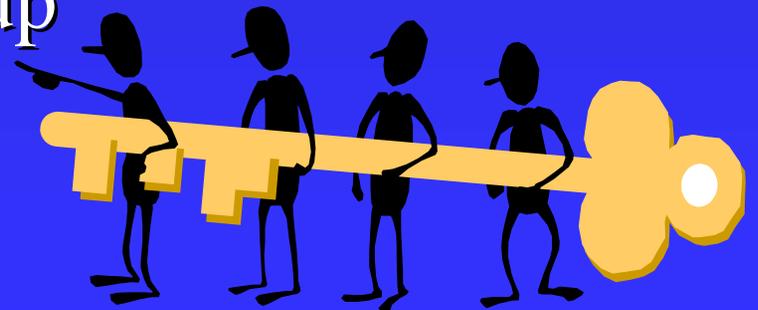
Keys to Success - Funding

- Idaho Department of Agriculture CWMA Grant Program
 - ◆ Started in 1998
- USFS – Salmon /Cobalt District
- BLM – Salmon District
- University of Idaho
- Resource Advisory Council
- Lemhi Soil & Water Conservation District



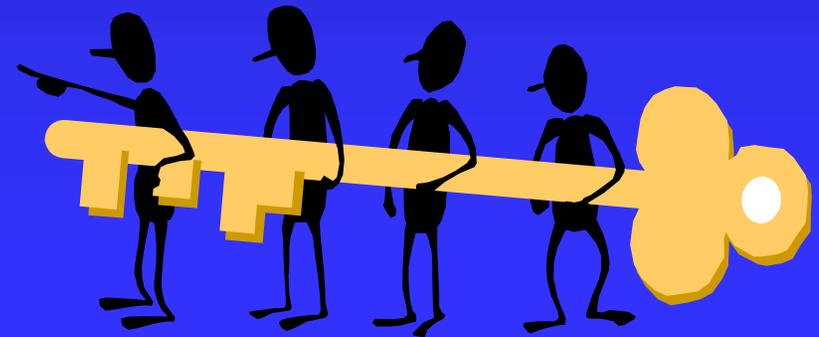
Structure

- Meetings are open to all interested people
- Steering committee – 1 representative from each agency
 - ◆ “Quick decision” issues
- Chairperson to rotate every 2 years
 - ◆ Vice chair to move up
- Treasurer



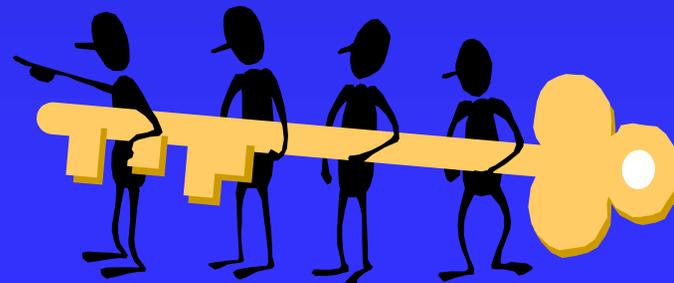
Education is the Key

- Need to let the public know what is being done
- Annual Showcase Meeting
 - ◆ Review projects completed
 - ◆ Propose projects for next year
 - ◆ Participants prioritize



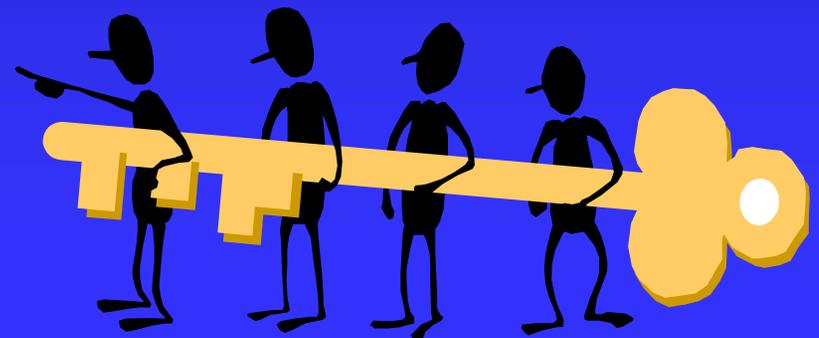
Project Determination

- Anyone can bring a project to the table
- Projects are presented at “showcase” meeting
- Participants are given opportunity to “vote” on projects
- Ranking is utilized in applying for funding



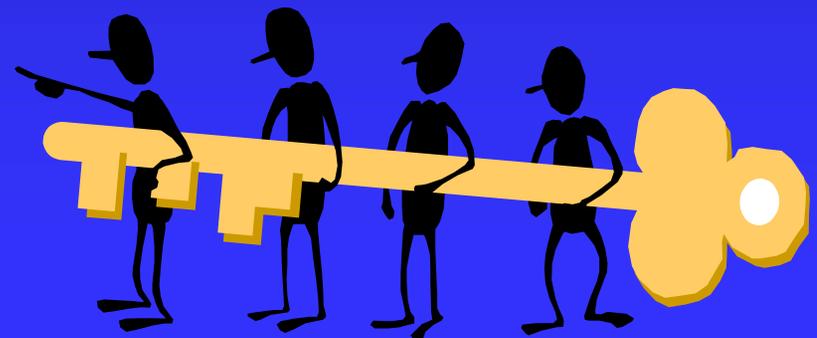
Project Lead Responsibilities

- Write up grant application
- Do any advertising for contracts necessary
- Administer and oversee the project
- Sign-off on any expenses
- Do final report for grant report



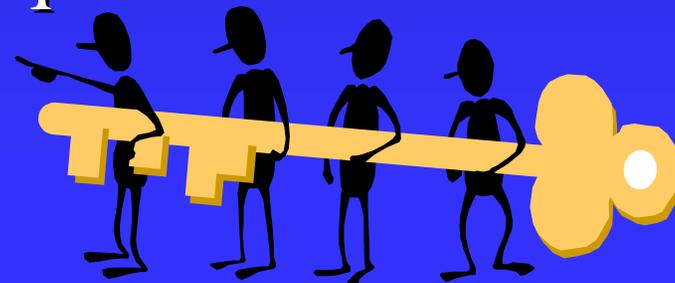
Local Spray Days

- Leadore
- Salmon
- Sandy Creek
- Well Organized
- Everyone has assignment



Recipe for Successful City Spray Days

- Contact city council 2 months in advance
- Advertise with poster, flyer, newspaper, etc
- Work with city council to secure permission
- Prepare a job list with leaders assigned to it
- Meet before project starts to discuss safety, target species, technique and answer questions



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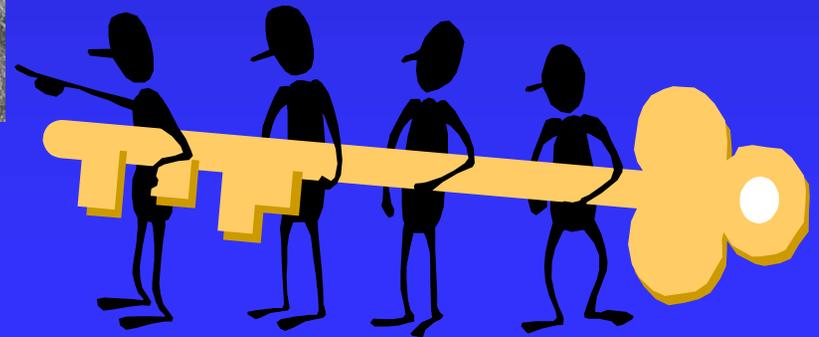
- Assign someone to disperse herbicide & spray equipment
- Arrange for someone to take pictures for documentation
- Follow-up with report to media recognizing good help and documentation
- Document expenditures in CWMA log book



Elk Bend White Top

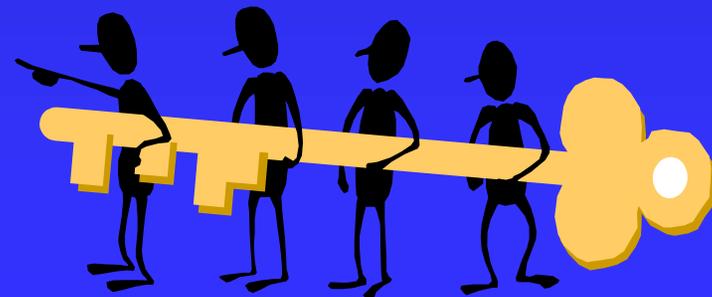


- Brought to committee by private citizen
- Citizen willing to contact land owners
- County, private, BLM



Weed Supervisor & Technicians

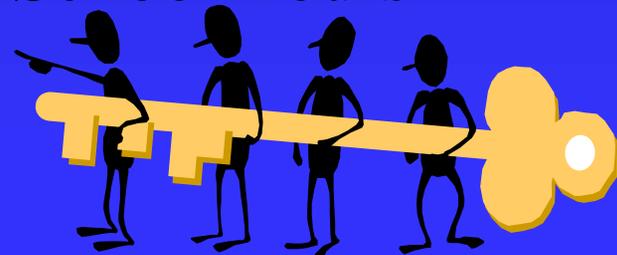
- Cooperatively Funded
- County Weed spray program
- Coordinates CWMA projects
- Works on special projects



Weed Education



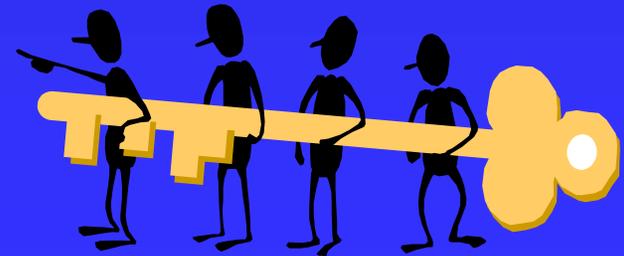
- Booth at County Fair
- Workshop with Cattlemen's Winter School
- Noxious Weed Short Course
- Best Management Practice Brochure
- School Tours



Leafy Spurge in Carmen Creek

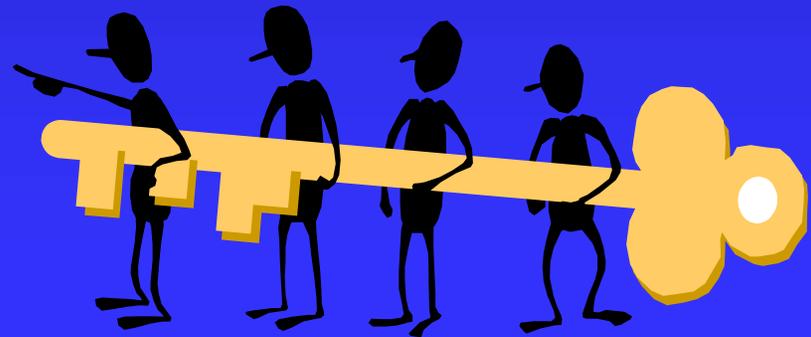


- Bureau of Land Management
- Private ranchers
- Lemhi County
- University of Idaho
- Forest Service
- Combination Project
 - ◆ Biological
 - ◆ Grazing
 - ◆ Herbicide



Grazing Spotted Knapweed

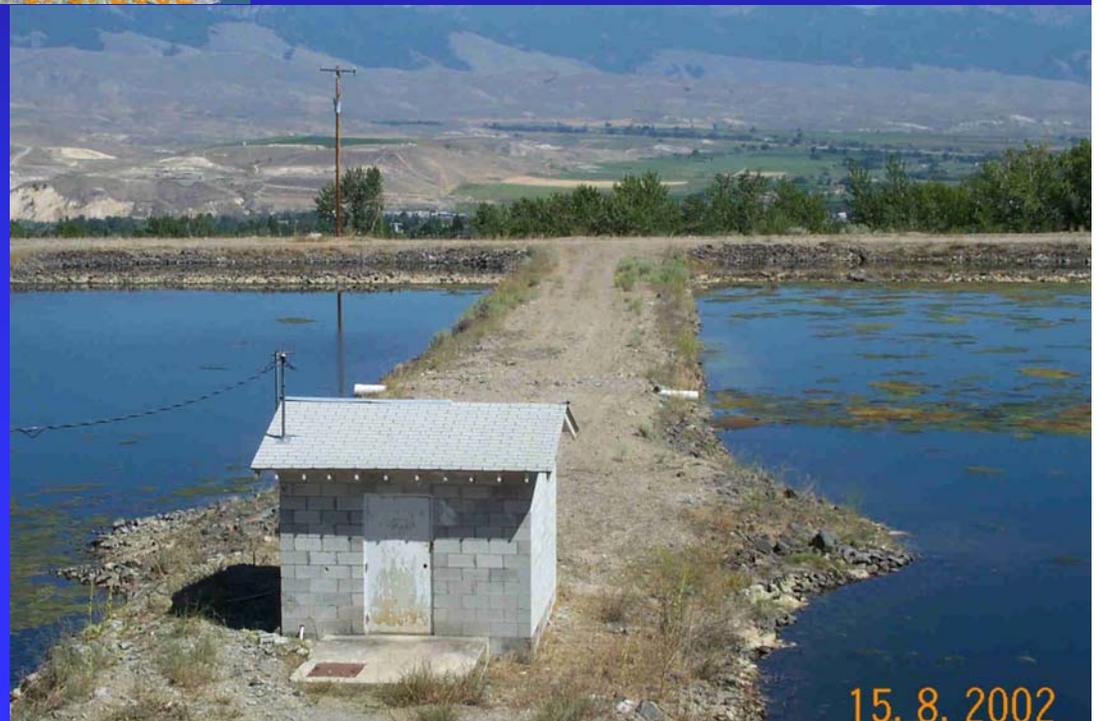
- University of Idaho
- Weed Goats 2000
- Salmon City
- Forest Service
- Private Land Owners
- Nancy M. Cummings
Research Center



Salmon City Water Works -During

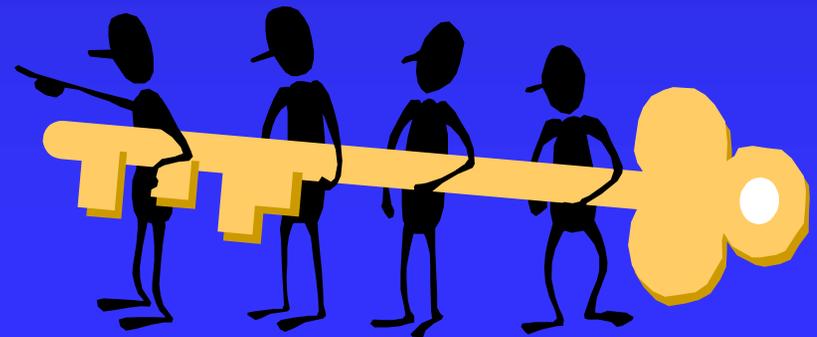


Salmon City Water Works - After



Ways for Everyone to Participate

- Money
- Equipment
- Man-power
- Permission
- Ideas
- Herbicide
- Livestock



Benefits

- Sharing of Resources
- Sharing of Knowledge
- Common Projects
- Everything is “team effort”

