

HOMEOWNERS

Various locations around Colorado

Colorado is full of growing communities filling the once empty plains and foothills along the I-70 and I-25 corridors of Denver. A number of residents have been dedicating themselves to the ever present Noxious Weed infestations upon which their subdivisions have been built.

VMI, Vegetation Management, Inc., is contracted by management companies for



control of a variety of noxious weeds including Dalmatian Toadflax which is growing in large amounts all along the Front Range foothills. This species is particularly aggressive and if left unchecked can become a serious problem choking out desirable forage. This plant, with flowers similar to a snapdragon, has an extensive and deep root system along with a waxy leaf making it an extremely difficult plant to manage.

VMI's methodology has been to treat this

weed through a laborious yet thorough search by carrying backpack sprayers and treating each individual plant. The use of blue dye allows us to track plants that have been treated, a surfactant provides better penetration of chemical into the waxy cuticle, and by making applications twice each year we are beginning to see a reduction of these undesirable invaders.

Within the treatment parameters of our clients there are drainages, recreation



areas, and lakes and streams that favor a variety



of Thistles and other undesirable weeds.

Appropriate notification is made to residents as well as sensitivity to treating these areas early in the day and at times when recreation is at a minimum. We perform backpack treatment choosing our chemicals carefully in order to minimize impact while controlling infestations.