

COLORADO STATE PARKS & US FOREST SERVICE

Various locations around Colorado

VMI, Vegetation Management, Inc., has been conducting noxious weed control in a variety of locations for Colorado State parks and the US Forest Service. Depending on the annual budgets, VMI has conducted weed control activities as well as managed test plots in both spring and fall of each year.

In an effort to implement an Integrated Management Plan, in consort with park managers the lands are divided into parcels upon which a variety of efforts are being conducted.



Some areas of these parks are so remote they require backpacking in equipment and spot treating weeds.



Several times a year, VMI performs broadcast and spot spraying on designated weeds. The parks conduct controlled burns as well as doing some biological control, which has had some affect in reducing seed head population as evidenced by the picture above. However the plants are still producing seed and the population has gotten so out of hand that VMI has been asked to do chemical control in an effort to reduce Musk Thistle populations.

Scentless chamomile grows in copious amounts in the high country and needs to be controlled before it takes over.

