

NEWSLETTER

HIDALGO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

WINTER ACTIVITY RECAP

Our Supervisors work very hard to support not only the natural resources within the District boundaries but also the residents that live within it's boundaries. The last three months have had our District Supervisors on the road attending meetings for the Southwest NM Council of Governments, the NM Cap Entity, the Council of Border Conservation Districts, and the Malpai Borderlands Group. Letters have been written and voices have been raised to fight endangered species like the Gila Chub, policy like the BLM 2.0 Planning Rule and the preservation of natural resources such as water in the AWSA. District Supervisors and employees also attended Ag Fest during the NM Legislature in January and the Prescribed Fire Workshop in Rodeo in February.



The District has also awarded almost \$8,000 through the Natural Resource Cost Share Assistance Program implemented this year. Funds generated from the Soil & Water Quality & Conservation Grant through the NM Department of Agriculture have helped District residents replace almost 7 miles of boundary fence and a plate on a dam to prevent water erosion. The District has reapplied for the grant



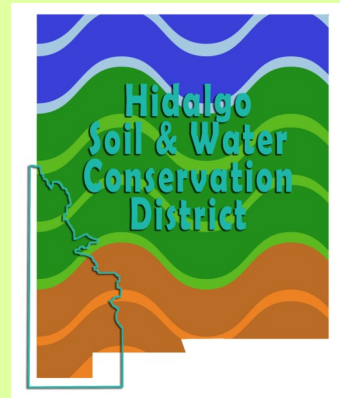
for next fiscal year with hopes of providing more cost share assistance in the future.

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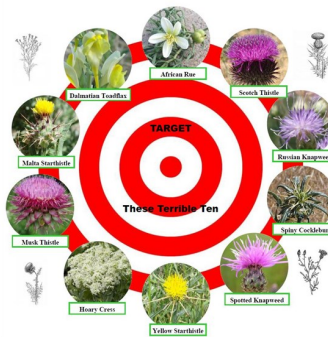
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WHAT'S NEW IN THE DISTRICT



The SWNM CWMA has a new noxious weed brochure for distribution to the public. It contains the ten worst and most threatening weeds for Hidalgo and Grant counties, known as "The Terrible Ten." Russian Knapweed is one in particular is important to watch for and report findings immediately to

the County Extension Office, Soil and Water District or the Cooperative Weed Management. It is a vigorous invader which can render your land useless and very difficult to recover for beneficial production.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April

19 - SWCD Meeting

May

11 - Hidalgo County Commission
Road Access Meeting

17 - SWCD Meeting

30 - Memorial Day (office closed)

June

21 - SWCD Meeting