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Hoary Cress "Whitetop" *Cardaria Draba* Mgmt Goal: **Containment**

IDENTIFICATION

- Perennial forb; extensive spreading root system.
- Flowers white; 4 petals
- Bolt, flower, and set seed by early to mid-summer
- Leaves blue-green, lance shaped
- Lower leaves stalked; upper leaves clasp stem.

NEGATIVE IMPACTS

- Significantly reduces hay quality.
- Displaces native plants.
- Reduces/eliminates wildlife forage & habitat

CHEMICAL CONTROL

**CALIBRATE YOUR EQUIPMENT EVERY YEAR
ALWAYS ADD NON-IONIC SURFACTANT
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE HERBICIDE LABEL**

- **Escort** (metsulfuron methyl)
DO NOT USE IN TURF OR AROUND TREES!
 - Hand-Pump Sprayer: 0.25 wtoz per 3 gallons of water
 - 1-2 wt. oz. per acre

MECHANICAL CONTROL

- Mowing at two week intervals throughout season can exhaust root system over time. Do not mow when plant is in flower.
- **Always cut and bag any seed-heads.**
ROTO-TILLING, DISCING, AND PLOWING ARE NOT EFFECTIVE AND WILL ACTUALLY INCREASE INFESTATION DENSITY!