

## Project Summary

### Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

**Project Title:** Testing control options for western salsify on CRP lands in north-central Montana

**Type of Project:** Research

**Project Discipline:** Natural

**Funding Agency:** NRCS

**Other Partners/Cooperators:** Montana State University

**Effective Dates:** 5/7/2010 - 12/31/2011

**Funding Amount:** \$8900

**Investigators and Agency Representative:**

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**Project Abstract:** Western Salsify (*Tragopogon Dubius*) is a tap-rooted biennial, native to Eurasia that is now established over much of temperate North America. Although typically a weed of roadsides and waste sites, it has been increasing on CRP lands in portions of north to north-central Montana. It now dominates some CRP sites and is interfering with management objectives. Its small seeds with an umbrella-like pappus readily disperse to new sites, posing a threat to adjacent lands that are currently non-infested. Very little information exists about controlling western salsify. The purpose of this project is to test western salsify control treatments at several sites in north-central Montana.

**Outcomes with completion dates:** December 31, 2011

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