

FY2019 Big Horn County Ventenata Control TIP Modification

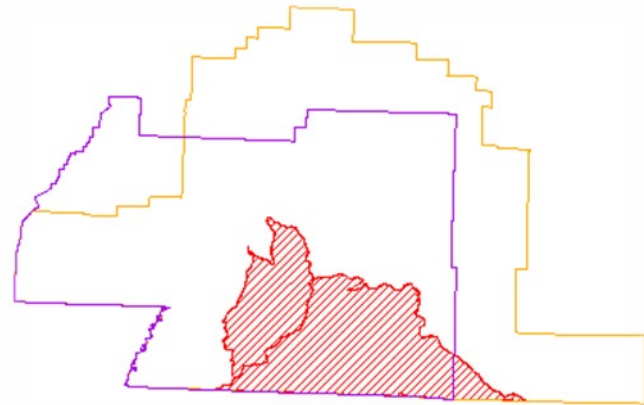
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Modification Overview -

When the FY2019 Big Horn County Ventenata Control TIP was first developed, it was believed that Ventenata infestations were located in relatively isolated locations in the county, and the priority areas for this TIP were developed accordingly. After almost five years of planning and inventory of Ventenata, field office staff have determined this weed to be spread extensively throughout the county. As of the date of this modification the Hardin Field Office has exceeded the TIP acreage goals.

On a positive note, the five years of outreach and planning work that has spread the word to operators throughout the county, and the desire to control this weed has been strong, with application numbers steadily increasing over the last couple years, and over half of these applications for FY23 are located outside of the current TIP boundary area. This modification proposes to extend the TIP project boundary; extend the timeframe for this TIP (add FY's 2024-2026); add a practice to the list; and to increase the budget accordingly to fund the additional years proposed for this TIP modification.

Existing and Planned Project Area- *(See map to the right)* This modification proposes expanding the original project boundary (red crosshatch) to include all of Big Horn County area in order to address significant areas of Ventenata infestation (orange line). Ventenata has been found extensively throughout the Crow Indian Reservation (purple line) and extending this project boundary (along with the new practice component for annual invasive grass control), will also result in more applicants who are willing and financially able to also control infestations on their tribal leases.



Budget-

Fiscal Year	Estimated Acres	Estimated Funding	Approx. Number of Applications
2024	12,000	\$1,400,000	5
2025	12,000	\$1,400,000	5
2026	12,000	\$1,400,000	5

Practice List- All of the eligible practices will remain in the TIP, with (645) Upland Wildlife Habitat Management being added.