



Boulder County Integrated Weed Management Plan



Process to Date

- 6 POSAC presentations
- 4 field trips
- Online survey + Story Map
- Open House





Upcoming Process

POSAC Hearings

- Jan: goat grazing
- Feb: updated Draft
- Mar: recommendation

BOCC Hearings

- April: Final Draft/public comment
- May: decision

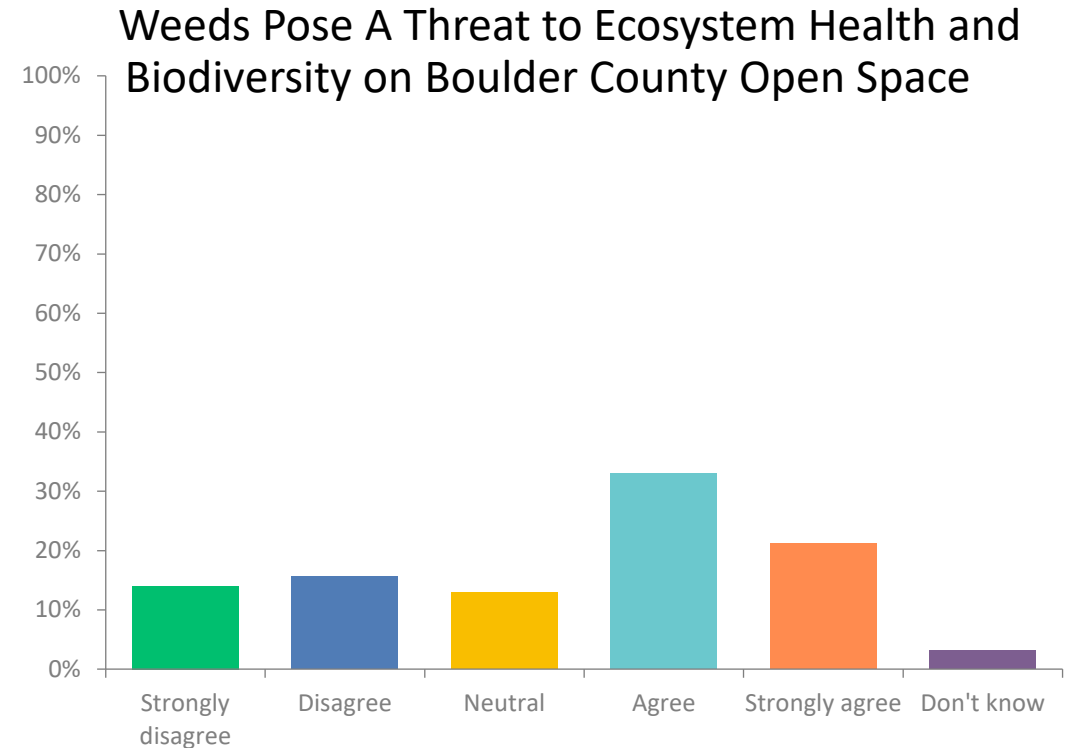


IWMP Community Survey Data

- Online survey: Oct. 2 - Oct. 19, 2023
- 10 Questions
- 1,076 responses
- 555 open-ended comments

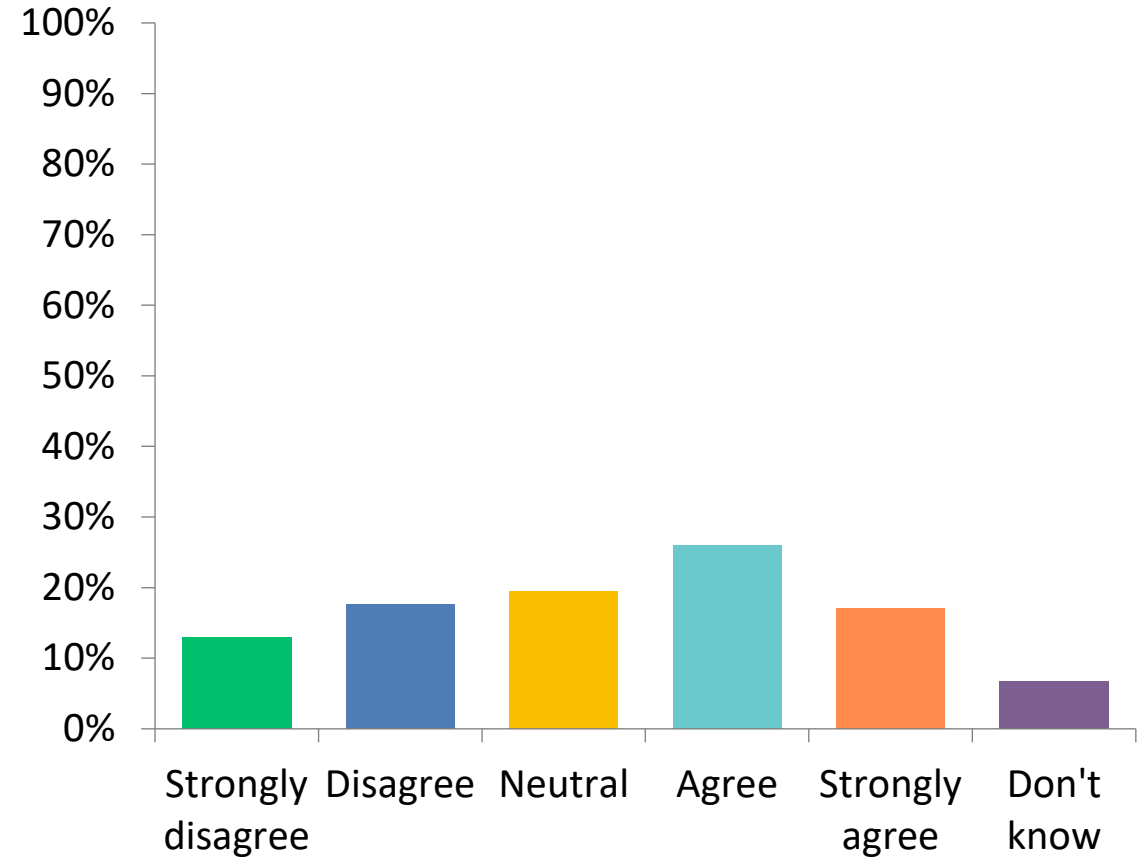
Q1. Ecosystem Health & Biodiversity

- 54% agree that weeds pose a threat to ecosystem health and biodiversity
- 30% disagree
- 13% neutral
- 3% don't know



Q2. Weeds contribute to risk of fire

- 43% agree that weeds pose a fire threat in Boulder County
- 31% disagree
- 20% neutral
- 7% don't know



Q. 3, 4, 5, 6

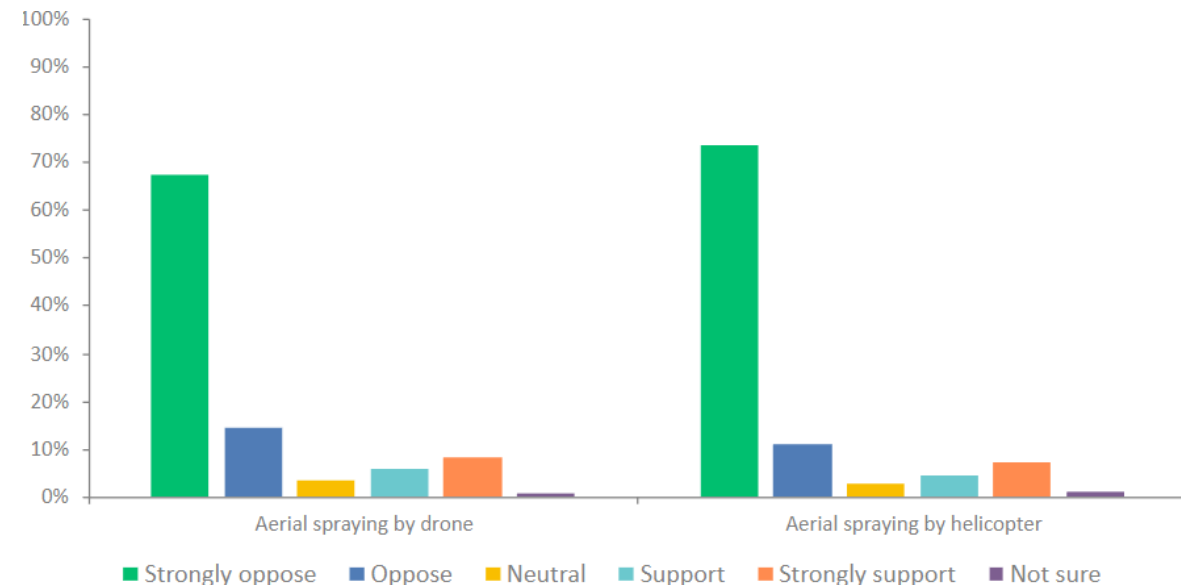
- 81% agree “no herbicide use”
- 66%-69% disagree with herbicides as part of integrated approach
- 75% disagree with using herbicides as primary tool

Comments

- Toxicity
- Impacts on pollinators
- Long-term environmental impacts
- 2,4-D, Dicamba, Glyphosate

Q. 7 Do you support the use of aerial spraying with conditions and buffers?

- 85% oppose aerial spraying by helicopter
- 82% oppose aerial spraying by drone



Questions/Discussion

1. What have Partners done to get a more balanced range of opinions into the public debate?
2. Can Partners suggest ways to address misinformation?
3. How have Partners handled public mistrust of “science” and/or “experts”?



