

Flannel Mullein Report 1988

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Craters of the Moon National Monument has decided to control if possible Flannel Mullein (*Verbascum Thapsus*). This is being accomplished in two ways; one is to pull the plant, and the other is to spray it with Roundup Herbicide (2% - 3% solution).

Pulling:

Towards the end of August 1988 the park decided to pull some of the Flannel Mullein. We started at the Highway Entrance Sign (east side) and then headed back towards the Visitor's Center, keeping to the North side of the road.

Spraying:

During the 1988 summer season many places were sprayed: Intervals parking lot along the loop drive, the road to the research camp, and towards the mine. (see enclosed map, and 1988 spraying sheets)

The spraying included all Mullein fifteen feet off the road, plus additional footage if Mullein could be seen. The Mullein this year seemed to have bloomed earlier than usual, so we decided to clip the heads of the Mullein about to be sprayed. We completed the spraying process at the Interval Parking Lot, and the road to the research camp; however, orange flagging should be present on the road towards the mine where spraying stopped.

During the 1989 year the park hopes to develop some research plots which would enable it to compare and then decide which is the best method here to control Flannel Mullein. A possible site for a research plot would be up the draw behind the research camp, a ranger found a huge area of Mullein there.

See enclosed material.

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