

Noxious and Invasive Weeds in Sierra Springs

Property owners within Sierra Springs may have noticed that Star Thistle and Mullein plants have begun to gain a foothold in our community along roadsides and in sunny areas. Star Thistle is a spiny plant with downy seeds that are easily spread in the wind. The plant is poisonous to livestock. Mullein plants contain 100,000 to 250,000 seeds per plant. The Mullein seeds drop within 10 ft of the original plant but may stay viable up to 100 years in the soil. Although the plant has a history of some medicinal value, it is quite invasive as seen along the Camino Conduit that has been cleared of vegetation by El Dorado Irrigation. See the photos below for identification. The best maintenance is to remove the entire plant before they come to seed.

