

Rush Skeletonweed

Category 3: Containment

Limited distribution. High priority for reporting and treatment outside known infestations

Chondrilla juncea

Family: Asteraceae (Sunflower).

Other Common Names: Skeletonweed, gum succory, devil's-grass, naked weed, hog-bite.

Origin: Southern Europe.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Perennial. Seeds and vegetatively from lateral roots.

Identification: Yellow flower heads at the ends of stems, either individually or in groups. Leaves form in a basal rosette, are sharply toothed, and wither as the flower stem develops. Stems leaves are inconspicuous, narrow and entire. Lower stems have short, downwardly bent, coarse hairs. Stems exudes a milky latex.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: WCA (P), FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Adapted to a wide range of soil and moisture conditions at low- to mid-elevations on well-drained, light-textured soils. Appears best adapted to areas with cool winters and warm summers with winter and spring rainfall. Disturbed sites, grasslands, open forests, roadsides, rail road corridors.

Status and Distribution: Widespread in the Slocan valley near Crescent Valley, Krestova, Passmore, and Pass Creek. Two small populations near Creston at the Sirdar railway siding, and at Erickson. Both sites chemically treated in 1990s, some plants remained at Erickson in 2004. One plant found at Lasca Creek Road, Harrop. *See reverse for map of recorded locations.*

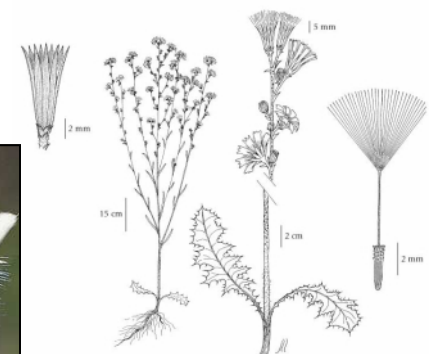
Known Biogeoclimatic Zones: ICHdw1, ICHxw

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- Eradicate new infestations and satellite populations at Passmore, Creston, Erickson, and Harrop.
- Contain populations to core areas of Krestova, Crescent valley and Shoreacres.

For More Information:

- www.weedsbc.ca/pdf/rush_skeletonweed.pdf

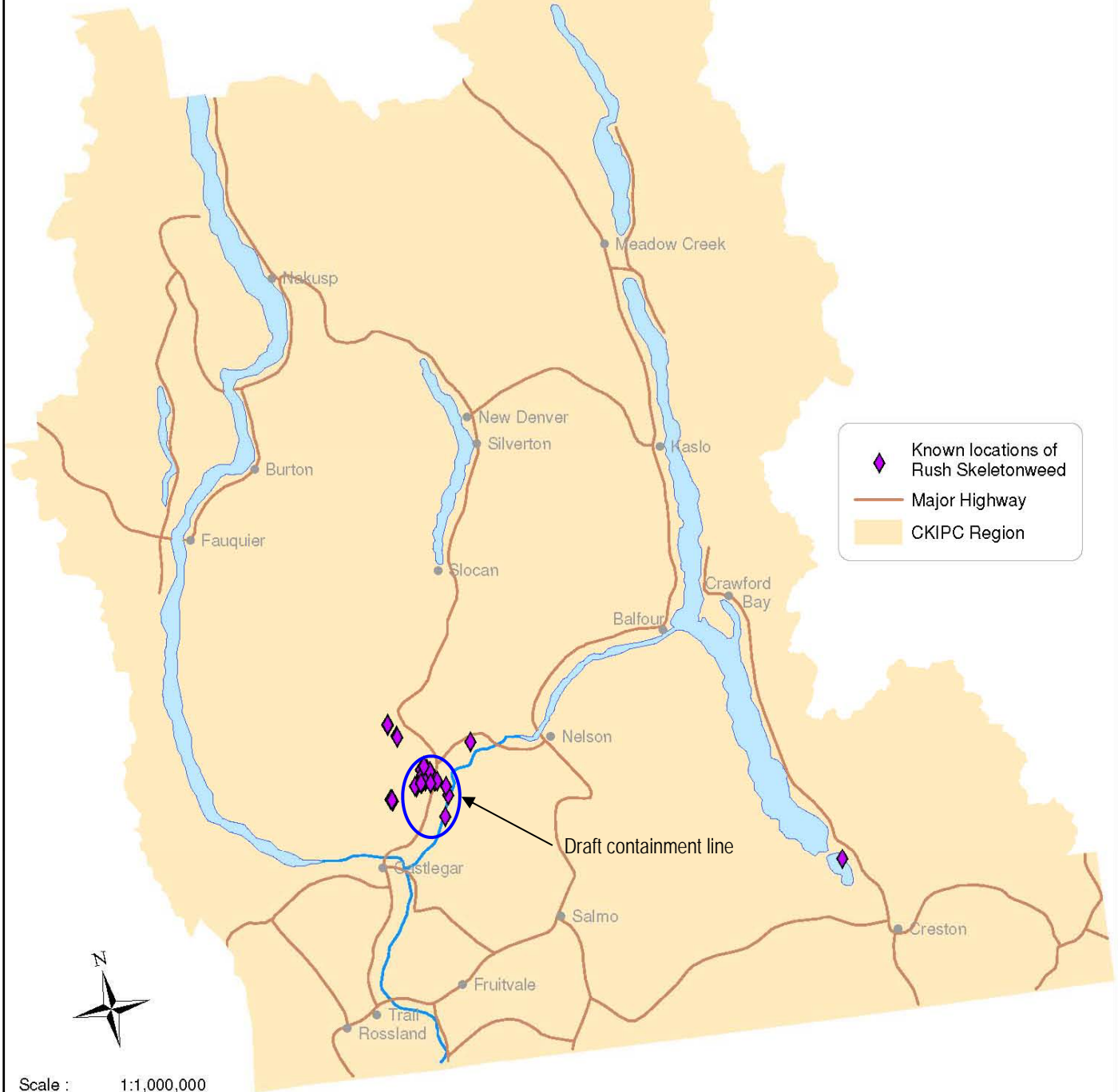


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Infestations of Rush Skeletonweed in the Central Kootenay



Scale : 1:1,000,000
Projection: Albers E. A. Conic
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Program Application

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