St. Johnswort

Scientific name: Hypericum perforatum
Common names: Klamathweed, goatweed

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Perennial
Flowers yellow to orange
Leaves opposite
Translucent dots in leaves
Underground stems short
Roots shallow

St. Johnswort is a range perennial. It is often found along roads, in meadows, and trashy areas. Stems are slender, erect, and have much-branched tops. Usually it is not a pest in cropped areas.

Control: St. Johnswort has been fairly difficult to control with 2,4-D. Repeat applications of 1 pound 2,4-D ester per acre are required for good control. Use 15 pounds Borascu per square rod for small patches.

Release of St. Johnswort beetles may be necessary for large areas of this weed. See your county Extension agent for information.

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