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Bio-control Insects Help Keep Weeds at Bay

For Immediate Release (May 17/18):

The Thompson-Nicola Regional District's bio-control program helps private landowners control weeds for free.

Insects are currently available for hound's-tongue and dalmatian toadflax.

For more than 20 years, the TNRD has been collecting and releasing bio-control insects for knapweed, hound's-tongue, and dalmatian toadflax.



The insect *mogulones-cruciger* is used to control hound's-tongue.

The bio-control insects are "host specific" and will not attack native vegetation or even other weedy species.

Bio-control is a long-term commitment and results may take three to 10 years depending on the species and site variables.

If you would like more information contact the TNRD at 250.377.6297 or go to tnrd.ca

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