



## PEACE RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

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# Weeds Got Your Goat?

July 21, 2011 - Dalmatian toadflax, a provincially noxious weed, is invading the banks of the Peace River South of Ft. St. John. Dalmatian toadflax was first noted at the Peace Lookout in 1991, there are only two known sites in the area making treatment a very high priority. The plants have a beautiful yellow flower and can produce up to 500,000 seeds each year, the seeds can lay dormant in the soil for up to 10 years. Applying herbicide or hand pulling is not an option due to the steep slopes and the size of the infestation. The North East Invasive Plant Committee, formed by the Peace River Regional District and the private land owner share the responsibility of managing the site. They are working together to hire Conrad Lindbloom of Beaverlodge, Alberta to graze the site with goats. Conrad plans to arrive on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July with 400 goats, two herdsman, and a hand full of working dogs. The team will go to work immediately to suppress the weeds; goats are voracious eaters with mouths of iron and guts of steel. They are organic and fertilize as they go, they will love the steep slopes and are expected to complete the job in less than 10 days.

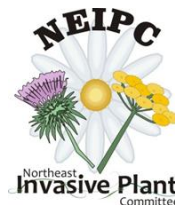
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