

DON'T spread BUFFELGRASS!



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Buffelgrass – *Cenchrus ciliaris*



WHEN WE VISIT THE **BACKCOUNTRY** and **PUBLIC LANDS**, WE CAN **SPREAD UNWELCOME SEEDS**.

- Wipe or brush off equipment such as shoes, **all tires and wheels**, and camping gear such as tents and coolers.
- Avoid driving or parking in weeds and mud, especially along the roadside.

An ATV can pick up hundreds to thousands of seeds per mile!

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Buffelgrass fuels wildfires, crowds out desert natives, & spreads quickly.

APPEARANCE

Messy bunch grass, up to 3-4 feet tall, hairy at base of leaf (ligule), purple-brownish flower heads, **zig-zagged stem** where seed heads detach. Active from late winter, flowers spring through fall.

REPORT IT or DIG IT!

Pull small plants; dig out larger ones. Discard flowering plants in trash bags to prevent seeds spreading. Gloves and face masks recommended. Large areas best handled professionally.

Report plants to info@ironwoodforest.org.

