

V. INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES CONTROL

In September 2002, Eurasian water milfoil was discovered in Newman Lake. The infestation was limited to the southeast area of the lake mostly around the outlet gate area and with three smaller infestation areas just north of the boat launch and a couple of plants at the far north end near the outlet of Thompson Creek. The infestation seemed to be young with most plants in first year of growth. We applied for and received a \$50,000 Early Infestation Program grant from DOE's Aquatic Weed Management Fund to begin control efforts as soon as possible in the spring of 2003. This grant will pay 87.5% of Newman Lake milfoil management efforts over the next 3 years. We used these funds in 2003 to do surveys and perform two granular 2,4D treatments of infested areas in the Lake and Outlet channel along with some hand pulling. Further applications for funding from DOE will require preparation and approval of an Integrated Aquatic Vegetation Management Plan for Newman Lake.