

Plant: Halogeton (Halogeton glomeratus) **A Twin Falls County listed noxious weed.**

Identification: Halogeton is an annual, small growing plant with red succulent looking stems and small green tubular leaves. It is short growing, usually 5-12 inches in height. It is not a state listed noxious weed, but a Twin Falls County listed noxious weed. This plant can produce thousands of seeds, which is its means for reproduction. If it becomes established it can take over any open area and form carpets of Halogeton. It is extremely poisonous to livestock, especially sheep. It is usually found in dry disturbed areas such as rangeland, gravel pits, dirt roads, trails, and around watering areas for livestock and wildlife.

Defense: Mechanical control will work on small infestations. Chemical control is fairly easy with this plant, as long as you don't let it go to seed. Escort XP and Telar XP are both great options for Halogeton, along with a surfactant. One of the best tools for fighting Halogeton is proper land management. Overgrazing and not maintaining proper pasture and range forage will result in weeds. If you treat a large Halogeton infestation, revegetation will likely be necessary to outcompete future weed problems.

**Always read and understand the label and restrictions of any pesticide you are using.
The label IS the law.**



Figure 1. Halogeton with close-up of leaves (inset).