

EHS & CONSERVATION DISTRICT COLLABORATION

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STOP THE SNAIL

Eastern Heath Snail

What to look for

Eastern Heath Snails are an invasive terrestrial snail. They are white with brown spiral bands and are smaller than a dime. **They climb vegetation, fence posts, propane tanks, beehives, and other upright objects in large numbers to escape ground heat.** Native snails don't exhibit this behavior.

Impacts

Degrades grain, canola, and other pulse crops. Vector for plant and animal diseases. Contaminates haybales. Shells plug swather decks and foul machinery.

Prevention

Check and remove snails prior to moving any vehicles or equipment. Remove garbage, debris, and equipment that provide refuge. Don't move dirt or gravel infested with snails or snail eggs. Mow vegetation to 5 inches or less, crush snails or use approved treatment.

Reporting

Report suspected Eastern Heath Snails to your local Montana State University Extension Office or Montana Department of Agriculture at (406)444-9066



Eastern Heath Snail Response Lewistown, MT A Success Story in Partnerships

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Eastern Heath Snails in Fergus County

- ◆ A new population of EHS was confirmed in Fergus County late July 2024.
- ◆ The population is well established but “Confined.”
- ◆ Fergus Conservation District has taken on the roll as local lead with cooperation from conventional and nonconventional partners!
- ◆ Treatment and management has begun!



Thank you to all of our partners on EHS response in Fergus County!



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