

Russian Thistle WMA contract #06-0747
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WMA financial support has been extremely helpful to this project. I have continued evaluating the seed & stem boring moth, *Gymnancyla canella* in quarantine. We completed a field experiment in Italy last fall, which resolved some lingering questions about the safety of the eriophyid mite, *Aceria salolae*. A report on these results that I submitted to USDA-APHIS resulted in them writing an EA, which has reactivated the permitting process. Massimo Cristofaro conducted foreign exploration in new regions in the Middle East which revealed lots of new possibilities. We have plans to continue more foreign work this summer.

*Abstract and powerpoint from presentation at CWSS in January 2008, will be posted soon.

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