

Preface

Locoweed Research: Updates and Highlights reports on research concerning the toxic, rangeland weeds, white locoweed (*Oxytropis sericea* Nuttall) and woolly locoweed (*Astragalus mollissimus* Torrey). White locoweed also is referred to as white-point loco or silky crazyweed. Woolly locoweed also is known as purple locoweed or woolly loco. An interdisciplinary team of scientists at New Mexico State University and the USDA's Poisonous Plant Laboratory in Logan, Utah have contributed to this publication. The team was charged with identifying economical, environmentally safe management methods that will reduce locoweed to acceptable levels on New Mexico rangeland as well as eliminate its toxic effects on livestock. This volume contains summaries of research findings from these scientists in the areas of biological control, chemical and grazing management, ecology, economics, physiology and toxicology.

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