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THE COVER — Railroad personnel examine trackside vegetation control program. The foreground has been chemically treated and is virtually weed free. The background is an excellent example of noxious weed take-over.