

Developing Your Long Term Noxious Weed Management

1. Read the information provided. You will find ideas there to assist with the process. What you are attempting to develop is an Integrated Management Plan that is workable and that you are willing to follow. Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

- What is my management goal for this property? Short Term/Long Term. Do I want pasture for livestock, am I planting row crops, do I want to attract wildlife, etc.? (consider the exempt parcel if applicable also)
- Do I have noxious weeds on the property?
- What is the time frame I'm looking at in developing and implementing this plan? Remember this is a LONG TERM process. If you have severe noxious weed infestations, it will require several years of effort to obtain desired results.
- What am I going to do to prevent new infestations of noxious weeds?
- How am I going to treat or deal with infestations on my property that are already established? (HINT- Integrated Management Plan)
- What resources will I need and what resources are available?
- How much do I need to budget? Short Term/Long Term

Ask for help if you need it. There are many agencies in addition to Park County Weed and Pest that are willing to assist you with the development of your plan. A list is included below.

2. You may use any format of your choice as long as the document includes all required information as demonstrated by the "fill in the blank" document that has been provided.

3. Start with the items that you know. We usually have copies of your maps; however, please make sure that those docs are on file with Park County Weed and Pest Control District (PCWP) and indicate so on your paperwork.

4. You will find the answers to many of the questions in the packet of information provided. The letters (Initial Inspection, Noxious Weed Inspection) list the noxious species present if any, along with herbicidal treatment recommendations. While we have made herbicide recommendations, remember that you will need to utilize all tools available in dealing with noxious weed problems if present including but NOT limited to:

- Prevention - this is by far the easiest and cheapest method of noxious weed control and can include tactics such as periodic inspections by landowner and annually by PCWP staff, use of weed free equipment and weed free end products (be sure to ask your contractor and provide documentation for products), compliance with state and local regulations regarding noxious weed control including the Park County Quarantine. (This statement should be included on your plan).
- Mechanical - mowing, burning, hand pulling, etc.
- Cultural - burning, grazing, crop rotation, grazing rotation, etc.
- Biological - use of approved bio control agents (these types of treatments are reserved only for those areas that are inaccessible)
- Revegetation - don't overlook the competitive nature of grasses! If you are not sure what you plan on doing in regards to revegetation you may write down statements such as "to be determined" per recommendation of PCWP, UW Cooperative Extension, NRCS, County Conservation District or other qualified entity.

If you plan on having covenants or a homeowners association attach a copy with the required wording (provided in document titled "Long Term Noxious Weed Management Plan") regarding noxious weed control.

If you are unsure about any of these methods or times of treatment, contact PCWP or other qualified entity. This could be the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service, County Conservation Districts, the Wyoming Game and Fish, etc. These are great resources that may be able to assist you with other management goals you have as well. In addition, through out the year, several informative events are held in the area. Check local media or contact one of the listed entities for information and/or dates.

The completed plan needs to be returned to PCWP for approval. Once approved, a copy will be forwarded to the planning and zoning department. A copy will also be returned to the applicant.

Remember that this plan goes “with the land” and is part of the County’s Resolution when approving your project. Once submitted and approved, you will be expected to comply with this plan.

Natural Resource Conservation Service

www.nrcs.gov

University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service

www.uwyo.edu/uwces

Wyoming Game and Fish

<http://gf.state.wy.us/>