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RE: Noxious Weeds in Eureka County

To Whom It May Concern:

One of the many functions required by the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is to identify specific weed species whose growth characteristics negatively impact native plants species, wildlife habitat, agricultural yields, and property values. Such weeds termed “Noxious” require that property owners initiate control measures mitigating their spread. Currently, forty-seven weeds are listed as noxious, and one or more species have been found growing on property you own. The target noxious weed(s) identified are: Hoary Cress, Russian or Spotted Knapweed, Musk, Scotch or Canadian Thistle.

Under Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) Chapter 555 it is your sole responsibility as property owner to control such weed(s), and the NDA has noxious weed professionals who can assist you in developing a weed control plan. We also work cooperatively with the Eureka County Cooperative Extension office and Natural Resources Department who can assist you in developing a weed control plan, provide herbicides and/or provide you with a list of licensed pest control companies in your area who may facilitate control efforts.

Please note, the most efficient and economically viable control efforts are contingent upon the maturity of the plants and size of the infected area making weed control efforts time sensitive. Therefore, it is in your best interest to contact the NDA noxious weeds staff at your earliest convenience. In order to assist the Eureka and Diamond Valley residents to address noxious weeds in a timely and efficient manner NDA, in collaboration with Eureka County and Cooperative Extension, are planning a noxious weed training workshop in early 2017. Specific timing and details will be forthcoming.

To seek immediate assistance, please contact, Sean Gephart, Noxious Weed coordinator, at (775) 353-3640 or [Sgephart@agri.nv.gov](mailto:Sgephart@agri.nv.gov). Eureka contacts are Jake Tibbitts, Eureka

Natural Resources Department and Weed Control District at (775)-237-6010 JTibbitts@EurekaCountyNV.gov and Gary McCuin, Eureka County Extension Educator (775) 237-5326 mccuing@unce.unr.edu. Working together, we can protect the beautiful Nevada landscape we call home.

Sincerely,

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