

NDA Noxious Weeds Program

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Category B-Musk Thistle



Category B-Medusa Head

NRS 555-Noxious Weeds Designation

- Any species of plant which is, or likely to be, detrimental or destructive and difficult to control or eradicate
- NRS 555.130 declares noxious weeds of the state. A weed must not be designated as noxious which is **already introduced and established** in the State to such an extent as to make its **control impracticable**.
- List Category A, B, C NAC 555.010



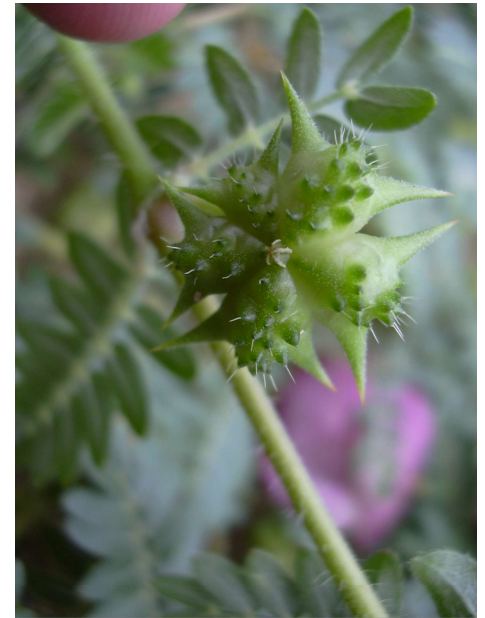
Category A- Yellow Star thistle



Category B-Medusa Head

Categories

- Category A: Generally not found or that are limited in distribution throughout the State.
- Category B: Weeds that are generally established in scattered populations in some counties of the state
- Category C: Weeds that are generally established and generally widespread in many counties of the State



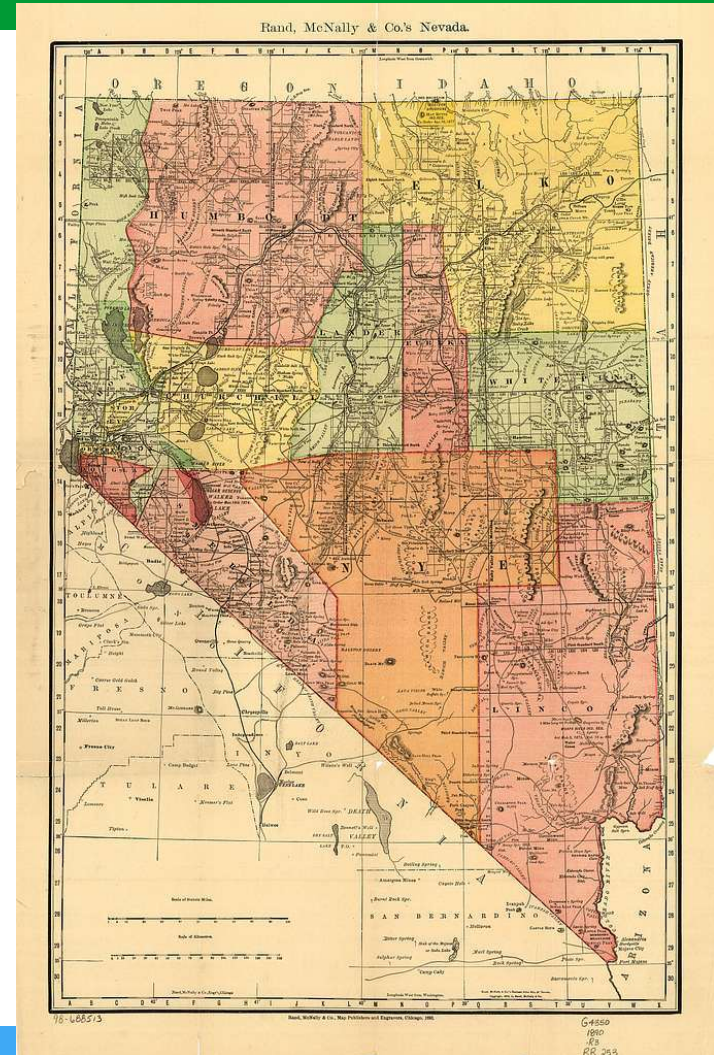
Class C-Puncture Vine

NDA Program Approach

- Historically-strong education and outreach approach to local government and tribal groups
- Partnership with Weed Control Districts NRS 555.202
- Partner with Conservation Districts
- Non-compliance notifications
- Engagement with County Commissioners
- Enforcement and application of regulations under NAC 555
- Incorporating noxious weeds criteria in local plan reviews

Weed Control Districts

- Board of county commissioners of any county may, in accordance with chapter 308 of NRS, create one or more weed control districts (WCD) in that portion of the county.
- Establish regulations for WCD
- Include either as the entire unincorporated area of the county or sections



NRS 555 Enforcement

- NRS 555 Weed Control District-Failure to perform noxious weeds control plan in compliance with the regulations within the district.
 - Weed Control Officer within the district can perform work and charge against the landowner
 - Lien against the property
- Notify County Commissioners involving non-compliance to perform county treatment:
 - Itemized bill issued to landowner-lien on the property
- Civil Penalty fines
 - Initial \$250
 - Second \$500
 - Subsequent \$1,000

Challenges & Priorities

- Infestations on land development sites-moving propagative material
- Early Detection and Rapid Response, especially for class A and B species
- Treatment and lien through County Commissioners
- Infestations on private and public lands
- Ongoing and ever-increasing infestations-annual planning
- Vector/transmission corridors



Priorities

- **Non-compliance notification and enforcement**
 - Include identification for negligence vs. lack of resources
 - Demonstrate to county commissioners the application of authority within NRS 555-collective efforts
 - Assess infestations on bordering public land for project planning
- **Annual strategic plan based on mapping data**
 - Coordinate with weed and conservation districts on annual plan and target species- **achievable projects**
- **EDRR**
 - Step-by-step process for response and potential funding utilization for treatment

Priorities Continued

- **Continue education and collaboration efforts**
 - County Commissioners
 - Planning departments-add noxious weeds criteria
 - Promote weed-free forage, and gravel pit inspections
 - CWMAs, CWD, CDs
 - Grow the network that ID, treats, and educates about noxious weeds and their threat to ecosystem health and wildland fire threats.

Questions?

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