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

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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.
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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