

From: [Toby Mancini](#)
To: [Rulesinfo](#)
Subject: opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 2:50:33 PM

Toby Mancini, Franz Witte Landscape Company, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

Thank you,

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Subject: opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:20:05 PM

Natalie McHugh, Idaho State University, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

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From: [Maya Fix](#)
To: [Rulesinfo](#)
Subject: noxious weed list: taxus
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:57:44 AM

I am opposed to putting taxus or yew plants on the noxious weed list.
Maya Fix

From: [Bonnie Belcher](#)
To: [Rulesinfo](#)
Subject: opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:34:00 AM

Bonnie Belcher, Boise, ID, is opposed to having Taxus (yews) on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

-Bonnie Belcher

From: [Gritzmacher, Tom](#)
To: [Rulesinfo](#)
Cc: [Ann Bates abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:Ann.Bates@inlagrow.org); [Gritzmacher, Tom](#)
Subject: Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 9:08:23 AM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)

To whom it may concern: I am opposed to having *Taxus* spp. (yews) on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho. The incidental loss of wildlife is unfortunate; however the limited resources of ISDA and IDFG will best serve the public interest in other areas of noxious weed management which have a much greater economic and recreational impact on the citizens of Idaho. Thank you.

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From: [Sarah Hook](#)
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Subject: Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:02:34 PM

Sarah Hook, Idaho State University, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

From: [Carson Merrill](#)
To: [Rulesinfo](#)
Subject: Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:25:43 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to oppose adding yews (*Taxus species*) to Idaho's noxious weed list as it serves an important purpose in ornamental landscapes. It is a versatile shrub that performs well in shady areas where other evergreens do not. The yew is not invasive as a plant species. It does not invade properties and is not even found often outside of residential or commercial landscapes.

I understand that this plant can be toxic to animals who ingest it. However, there are many other plant species are toxic to animals and humans. Some of those plants are considered native to Idaho, yet animals either choose not to eat them, or eat very little.

Banning yews creates undue hardships on property owners & nurseries. Property owners would be burdened with high costs of removal & replacement while nurseries would see revenue losses in tens of thousands of dollars, perhaps more.

Education is best measure for appropriate use of the *Taxus* plants as well as any other toxic plant, of which there are many. Unfortunate accidents, such as the yew-related deaths this past winter, can be lessened or avoided with proper instruction and awareness to the general public.

I have already seen public opinion sway decisions to remove Yew/*Taxus* plants from the landscape voluntarily which allows the owner the opportunity to decide the best course of action for their property and plants.

Sincerely,

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From: [Glinda Bailey](#)
To: [_Rulesinfo](#)
Cc: abates@inlagrow.org
Subject: Opposed to Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22
Date: Thursday, May 25, 2017 12:37:21 PM

Glinda Bailey is opposed to having Taxus Yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

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