From: <u>cary.telander@gmail.com</u> on behalf of <u>Cary Fortin</u>

To: Rulesinfo

Subject: Categorize the yew as a noxious weed Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:37:55 PM

Hi there,

I'd like to voice my support for categorizing the yew as a noxious weed. The yew clearly meets the standards for categorization: *any plant having the potential to cause injury to public health, crops, livestock, land or other property.* We lost over 100 animals here in the valley this year alone. I hope that this categorization will stop nurseries from selling and expanding the population of yew that are so dangerous to children and livestock.

Sincerely, Cary Fortin

2105 E Warm Springs Ave. Boise, ID 83712

From: jodie young
To: Rulesinfo

Subject: Comments regarding Rules Governing Noxious Weeds (IDAPA 02.06.22) related to poisonous exotic yews

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:22:23 PM

I am providing the following comments on Docket # 02.06.22, Noxious Weed Rules, regarding exotic poisonous yews. ISDA action is essential to prevent continued deaths of big game animals, and poisoning of people, from ornamental yews. This rule making process is necessary to protect wild animals from fatal yew ingestion, particularly in urban and other habitation interfaces with wintering big game. It is also necessary to protect children and pets from poisoning.

We strongly support making the sale of exotic yews illegal in Idaho. The exotic yews should be added to the Statewide Prohibited Noxious Weed List, and should be Controlled, especially removal of plants in habitation interface zones with wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

Jodie Young Boise ID 83716 Sent from <u>Mail</u> for Windows 10 From: <u>Diane Schwarz</u>
To: <u>Rulesinfo</u>

Subject: Toxic Japanese Yew plant

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 7:56:28 PM

Please do what is needed to ban the Japanese yew plant in Idaho. 4 children in Idaho have died, as well as wildlife!

Thank you!!

Best regards, Diane Schwarz 876 E Pennsylvania Lane Boise 83706 From: lonshumsky@aol.com

To: Rulesinfo
Subject: Yew plant

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:38:46 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of having the Japanese Yew plant be designated as a noxious weed. As a physician, I feel that it is important that we do not unnecessarily expose our children to toxic plants. As a supporter of wildlife, I am concerned about the adverse affects on animals from ingesting this plant, as over 100 animals have died due to toxic yew poisoning. I urge you designate this plant as a noxious weed, so that important safety measures can be taken, such as the banning the sale of this species in Idaho.

Thank you, Ilana Shumsky, MD