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Regarding: Negotiated Rule Making 02.06.22—Noxious Weed Rules, Docket # 02-0522-17xx

Dear Mr. Knight,

I'm requesting that this written comment be included in the record of the referenced Negotiated Rule Making.

Please amend Department Rule 02.06.22 to add Japanese Yews, Chinese Yews and English Yews to the list of Noxious Weeds pursuant to the laws enacted by the Idaho Legislature.

I specifically advocate adding them to the existing list set forth in Rule 02.06.22.100.02 which says:

“Weeds listed in the control list are known to exist in varying populations throughout the state. The concentration of these weeds is at a level where control and/or eradication may be possible .....

This provides an approach that does not require outright eradication but does give flexibility to minimize exposure of humans, domestic animals and wild animals to these deadly toxic plants.

Japanese Yews, Chinese Yews and English Yews all fit the definition of “noxious weeds” set forth in Idaho Code Sec. 22-2402 as there is documented history of humans, domestic animals and wild animals dying very soon after ingesting them.

Yours truly,



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