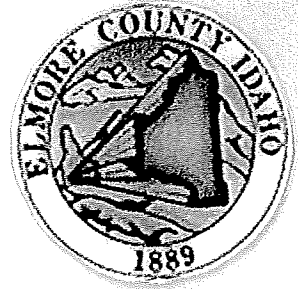


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Re: Yew listing

Dear Brian,

I am writing this letter in regards to listing Yew as a noxious weed. The questions I have are; is the result of wildlife fatalities due to the unusually severe winter in some areas? Is Yew found in any other landscapes than ornamental? Is the plant a problem in isolated areas or found through- out the State of Idaho? Any other past documented cases of death in Idaho and to what extent?

My guess is the animals were forced to forage on this shrub due to the lack of other food sources because of snow depth.

My opinion, at this time, is this plant does not need to be on the noxious weed list. Perhaps a little state wide education would be a first good step.

Sincerely,

Dave A

Elmore County Weed Control Superintendent