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

Dear Mr. Oakey,

I support amending Department Rule 02.06.22 to add Japanese Yews, Chinese Yews and English Yews to the list of Noxious Weeds pursuant to Idaho law.

Poisonous, exotic yews should be on the Control List per Rule 02.06.22.100.02 and banned from sale in Idaho as this will appropriately increase protection for persons, livestock and property.

- Japanese Yews, Chinese Yews and English Yews all fit the definition of “noxious weeds” set forth in Idaho Code Sec. 22-2402.
- There is documented, repeat histories of humans, domestic animals and wild animals dying soon after ingesting them.
- There's scant economic reason to continue importing thousands of these poisonous plants as growers have numerous other non-harmful nursery plants available to serve yews' ornamental purpose.

Sincerely,



John Caywood