

BEFORE THE IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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IDAHO NOXIOUS WEED LAW)
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**TEMPORARY ORDER
DESIGNATING NOXIOUS WEED**

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (“ISDA”), by and through its Director Celia R. Gould, and in accordance with Idaho Code Section 22-2404(1)(u) and IDAPA 02.06.09, Subchapter B, hereby issues this Temporary Order designating Turkish thistle (*Carduus cinereus*) and Goatsrue (*Galega officinalis*) as a noxious weed in Idaho.

FINDINGS

1. ISDA and the Director of ISDA are charged with administering Idaho’s Noxious Weed Law (Title 22, Chapter 24, Idaho Code).
2. Among the specific duties assigned to the Director are the duties to determine which weeds are noxious, and compile and keep current a noxious weeds list. The noxious weeds list is published and incorporated into the Rules Governing Noxious Weeds.
3. The Director has the authority under the Noxious Weed Law to, among other things:
 - a. “Take any appropriate action necessary to control or quarantine noxious weed infestations whenever an actual or potential emergency situation exists concerning noxious weed infestations anywhere in the state; and”
 - b. “Temporarily designate a weed as noxious for up to fifteen (15) months, after publication in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area of infestation.”
4. Turkish thistle: Surveys by ISDA staff have confirmed the presence of Turkish thistle in the Pittsburg Landing area of Hells Canyon, Idaho County, Idaho. A population has also been identified on the Oregon side of Hells Canyon by USDA-ARS. These are the first findings of this species in North America. Turkish thistle is an annual species, and the potential for rapid rates of spread are high.

5. Goatsrue: Surveys by ISDA staff have confirmed the presence of Goatsrue in Mink Creek, Franklin County, Idaho. Goatsrue is on the federal and Utah noxious weed lists. This species was accidentally introduced to Cache County, Utah in the 1890's and now infests about 40,000 acres in Utah. Goatsrue is a perennial legume, and is poisonous. It favors wetter sites around water and it overtakes waterways. This appears to be the first find of this species in Idaho.

6. In order to protect Idaho from the deleterious effects of Turkish thistle and Goatsrue, it is imperative that these two species be designated as a noxious weed in Idaho, and that appropriate control measures are implemented.


Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Turkish thistle (*Carduus cinereus*) and Goatsrue (*Galega officinalis*) are hereby designated as noxious weeds in Idaho.

2. Turkish thistle (*Carduus cinereus*) and Goatsrue (*Galega officinalis*) are hereby placed on Idaho's Statewide Emergency Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) Weed list.

7. In accordance with Idaho Code Section 22-2404(1)(u) this temporary order shall be in effect for fifteen (15) months from the date signed hereunder, unless revoked in writing by the Director of ISDA.

ORDERED this 8th day of September, 2020.



CELIA R. GOULD
Director