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The Idaho Association of Noxious Weed Control Superintendents would like to state our position in regards to possible changes requested to **Rules Governing Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds IDAPA 02.06.09** for this 2023 Rulemaking process.

- It has been discussed in recent conversations with ISDA officials that there may be some interest in listing Japanese Yew to the Idaho State Noxious Weed List. The **IANWCS at this time will not support adding this species to any listing within the Noxious weed Rule.** This position is unchanged from our previous stand on this issue in past rulemaking processes.
- Cogon Grass is currently listed as an emergency listed species since the discovery of infestations in the Canyon County area. The **IANWCS will support the addition of this invasive plant to the Idaho Noxious Weed list in the EDRR category.**
- Buffalobur has been listed on the Idaho State Noxious Weed list for many years and has not been reported to be an aggressive species in Idaho. Based on the current information and not being reported as an invasive actor, the **IANWCS will support the removal of this species from the Idaho Noxious Weed list.** We would consider changing our position on this species if sufficient evidence could be provided by any organization or group, of a legitimate negative consequence due to the removal of this plant from the Idaho Noxious Weed list.

Please accept the statements within this document as the IANWCS position on these proposed changes to the IDAPA 02.06.09.

Thank You,
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