

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 Cogon grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) and sub species Japanese bloodgrass (*Imperata cylindrica rubra*) 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 weed 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 infestation 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. Cogon grass: Surveyed by ISDA staff have confirmed the presence of Cogon grass in the foothills area of Ada County, Idaho. These are the first findings of this species in Idaho

and in the Western United States. Cogon grass is a perennial species and has the potential for rapid rates of spread.

5. In order to protect Idaho from the deleterious effects of Cogon grass and its sub-species, it is imperative that this species be designated as a noxious weed in Idaho, and that appropriate control measures are implemented.

Therefore it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Cogon grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) and sub species (*rubra*) are hereby designated as noxious weeds in Idaho
2. Cogon grass (*Imperata cylindrica*) and sub species (*rubra*) are hereby placed on Idaho's Statewide Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) Weed List
6. 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 14th day of June, 2022.

CELIA R GOULD
Director