



Cassia County Noxious Weed Control
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I feel that the listing of palmer amaranth to the noxious weed list should not happen. I feel that this will be adding more than we can handle to enforce on the landowners. We as a county are #1 in comedies in Idaho. We have 1.6 million acres and a broad spectrum of use of lands. It is important for us to have quality production land. But palmer amaranth is what I feel is a weed the landowner will need to learn to manage by control methods like cleaning equipment before and after each use in a field, cultivation, weeding with crews in the fields with the weed issue, rotation of crops etc. If this was to be put on the noxious weed list that puts the county in a tuff situation 1st as having the funds and manpower to work on this weed alone and 2nd to the possibility of being sewed. If we go in to enforce or stop this weed, we will need to destroy crops or quarantine fields, yet they are not getting a crop at all weather or not it's a noxious weed. But if they learn to use their management methods, they will decrease its growth and population. We are used to easy fixes, and this will require lots of hard work to keep this weed in check but putting this on the noxious weed list is not the answer. I believe it is education and using proper management skills.

I also feel that listing myrtle spurge to the noxious weed list should not happen as well. This is a problem plant that I feel that each county that has this issue can add to their own county weed list to address the issue at hand. It would also put the county at risk of being sewed as most of the myrtle spurge I have in my county are in people's flower beds. In which if you educate them, most will get rid of the plant by simply digging it up and disposing of it. I do suggest that it be put on the prohibited genus and nurseries to stop the sale of the plant.

Thank You,

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