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Mr. Lloyd Knight, Deputy Director
Idaho State Department of Agriculture
P.O. Box 7249
Boise, ID 83707

Dear Mr. Knight,

The Twin Falls County Commissioners and the Twin Falls County Noxious Weed Department would like to express our opposition to the addition of the *Euphorbia myrsinites*, also known as Myrtle spurge to the Idaho State Noxious Weed list.

Although this plant meets some of the criteria of a state listed noxious weed it is also a widely used ornamental that we have in flower gardens across the County. We understand the health risks of Myrtle spurge, however, we would also say there are many other plants that pose the same or similar risks.

We feel that educating our citizens with facts about the plant would better serve the public than add another species to an already full list. Municipalities are strained with the effort to control, contain, and eradicate weeds currently. Adding this species will further burden already stressed County budgets with little to no benefit to the public.

Sincerely,



Don Hall
Chairman



Jack Johnson
Commissioner



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cc: Jeremy Varley, ISDA Noxious Weed Control Section Manager
Mitch Whitmore, IANWCS Chairman