2022

Lewis & Clark County Weed District

Chemical and Insect Control Agent Noxious Weed Cost Share Program

Beginning July 1, 2020

In the interest of landowners, subdivisions, and other groups with the cost of purchasing herbicides and insects to control noxious weeds, the Lewis and Clark Weed District (Weed District) is offering a Cost Share Program in which (50%) of the chemical and insect costs will be reimbursed (Landowners with 24 acres and below may be reimbursed up to \$250.00, landowners with at least 25.00 acres or more may be reimbursed up to \$500.00) by the Lewis and Clark County Weed District, as long as there is funding in the budget.

Terms and Conditions:

- 1. The Cost Share Program applies only to **noxious weeds.**
- 2. There is an annual maximum payment of \$250.00 per landowner owning 24 acres or less; and \$500 per landowner owning 25 acres or more.
- 3. An approved 5-year Management Plan (WMP) must be on file with the Weed District and approved <u>BEFORE</u> any treatment and/or releases are made. No applications will be accepted or claim sheets processed if herbicide treatment and/or insect releases have been made before a WMP has been approved by the Weed District.
- 4. This Cost Share Program only covers the cost of herbicides and insect biocontrol agents. It does not cover the cost of herbicide additives such as surfactants or dyes, equipment rentals, contracted application costs, mowing or the use of soil sterilants or non-selective herbicides such as Roundup (Glyphosate).
- 5. You must be a landowner in Lewis and Clark County to be able to apply for this Cost Share Program as well as use the Cost Share funds within the County.
- 6. The funding will be on a first come, first serve basis, determined by the date on the submitted claim. Level of funding will vary year-to-year depending on the annual budget.

Processing Procedures

- **1.** Complete a 5-Year Weed Management Plan (WMP) for the property in which you want to use the Cost Share Program.
- **2.** Your WMP will be reviewed by the Weed Department Coordinator/Representative. Approval of your WMP is required prior to herbicide treatments or insect releases. The Weed District will notify you if your plan is approved. *NOTE:* In questionable areas or situations, an inspection of the site by the Weed District Representative may be required before the plan may be approved.
- **3.** When your plan is approved, conduct the herbicide treatment or insect release. In the case of herbicide applications, spray your weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. Carefully read and follow the herbicide label. Remember to use proper spraying practices to ensure safety to you and the environment. If using insects control agents, release in the manner prescribed by the supplier. *NOTE:* If misapplication of a chemical or improper release of insects control agents are noted, payment of the Cost Share claim will be denied. If the chemical misapplication is deemed to be harmful to the environment or surrounding area, the proper regulatory agency will be notified.
- **4.** After conducting the herbicide treatment and/or insect control agents, submit a completed Cost Share claim sheet. Include the original or copied receipt(s) for the herbicides and/or insect control agents purchased to control the noxious weeds. The Weed District operates on a fiscal year basis from July 1st to June 30th. If the chemicals or insects were purchased at the start of the field season (i.e. March, April, May, June) the claim sheets with receipt(s) must be submitted to the Weed District on or before June 30th or the claim sheet cannot be processed.

Please contact our office with any further questions:

Lewis & Clark County Weed District 3402 Cooney Dr. Helena, MT 59602 (406) 447-8372 Fax: (406) 447-8368 lcweeddistrict@lccountymt.gov

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Lewis & Clark County Weed District NOXIOUS WEED COST SHARE PARTICIPANT

Claim Form

All participants must have an approved Noxious Weed Five Year Management Plan on file with Lewis and Clark County Weed District; fill out the following information in its entirety and return to Lewis and Clark County Weed District with purchase receipts (originals or copies) to fulfill the reporting requirements.

| LANDOWNER NAME: | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| PROPERTY ADDRESS: | |
| MAILING ADDRESS: | |
| DAYTIME PHONE | E-MAIL |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Evample: Ge | to Code or Section, Township Range etc. |
| Total Acres: | Estimated Total Acres Managed: |
| , , , | |
| Insects Used: | |
| Vendor: | Cost: |
| Herbicides Used: | |
| Vendor: | Cost: |
| Private Applicator License # | (*required for restricted chemical use ie; Tordon 22K) |
| LANDOWNER SIGNATURE: | Date: |

Mail or E-mail this completed Claim form and receipt(s) to:

Lewis & Clark County Weed District 3402 Cooney Dr. Helena, MT 59602 (406) 447-8372 Fax: (406) 447-8368 lcweeddistrict@lccountymt.gov

| Internal Use Only |
|---|
| O Current Approved Five-Year Plan O Cost Share Claim Form O Cost Share Receipt(s) |
| Date Received: Date Approved: Approval Signature: |
| Reimbursement Amount: \$ |



Lewis and Clark County Weed District



Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan Information and Application

Subdivision, Timber Harvest, Open Pit Mine, Special Projects, Private Lands/Compliance*
2022 – 2026

- The Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan must be completed by the landowner and approved by the Lewis and Clark County Weed District prior to groundbreaking or soil disturbance on the project area(s).
- *There is no fee for Private Lands/Compliance Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plans
- It is the responsibility of the landowner to contact the Lewis and Clark County Weed District for inspection.
 - Inspection occurs after this form has been completed and submitted and after fees have been paid. Treatment of weeds prior to inspection will save the landowner an additional inspection fee.

If you are scheduling an inspection, need assistance completing this form, or for any other questions we are here to help:

Lewis and Clark County Weed District

Phone: (406) 447-8372 or (406) 447-8072 3402 Cooney Drive – Helena, MT 59602 E-mail: lcweeddistrict@lccountymt.gov

STEP by STEP INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Use the Subdivision, Timber Harvest, Open Pit Mine or Special Project (Cell Tower etc.) name submitted to the leading agency or department.
- 2. Indicate the years that your management plan will begin and end.

 The Five-Year Management Plan is active for five (5) years (Ex: 2022-2026—plan includes the year 2022 and is active through the year 2026.
- 3. Write the name, address, and phone number(s) of the landowner.

 Include the name, address, and phone number(s) of the landowner's representative/contact if this person will be developing and monitoring the *Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan* for the landowner.
- **4.** Write the **Legal description** and **Geo code** of the land covered by this *Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan*.
 - This description can be found on your tax bill, your deed, or at the Lewis and Clark County Classification & Appraisal Office—Room 103—City/County Building—316 N. Park in Helena.

- 4*. A **map** of the Subdivision, Timber Harvest, Open Pit Mine, Special Project or Private Land property covered by this *Five-Year Weed Management Plan* must be attached for this application to be complete. Acceptable map formats include plat maps (preferable), topographical maps, self-drawn maps, photographs, aerial maps, Forest Service maps, and/or ownership maps.
- **5.** Check the appropriate box to indicate if this area is part of an existing noxious weed management plan.
 - ✓ Write the existing plan name or plan number for the area if there is one.
 - ✓ Check the appropriate box to indicate if this project has or needs to have a 310 Permit.
- 6. The landowner must sign and date the plan. The landowner's signature indicates agreement to carry out this *Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan* by controlling noxious weeds on the property.
- 7. <u>Environmental Checklist</u>. All questions in this section must be answered. If you are not sure about the answer to an item in this section, please answer to the best of your knowledge. Any 'Yes' answer must be accompanied by a *comment* explaining how the environmental impact of the particular issue will be reduced.
- 8. <u>Noxious Weed Management Plan</u>: All questions in this section must be answered, except for item 9, which must be answered only if it applies to your situation. If you are not sure about the answer to an item in this section, please answer to the best of your knowledge. Check the appropriate items in the project area before submitting the plan:
 - A. Identified noxious weeds.
 - **B.** Estimated acreage of the noxious weeds.
 - C. Ownership acreage.
 - **D.** Method(s) to manage the noxious weeds.

- **E.** Chemicals to be used.
- **F.** General soil types present.
- **G.** Groundwater depth.
- H. Season(s) noxious weeds will be managed.
- **9.** This section must be filled out only if the soil on your property will be disturbed. Possible examples: road construction, grading, backfilling during construction and/or project development.
- **10.** <u>Inspection Fees</u>: Subdivision, Timber Harvest, Open Pit Mine or Special Project (Cell Tower etc.) areas will be charged a fee based on acreage for a project. **Refer to page 3 for fee schedule.** If untreated noxious weeds are observed during the first inspection, reinspection will be necessary. The landowner will be charged an additional fee for a second inspection equal to the first inspection fee.
 - ✓ Payment must accompany completed Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan. Pay fees at the Lewis and Clark County Planning (City/County Building) 316 N Park Ave Room 230 (\$2/acre or Minimum fee of \$50)
 - ✓ Payment/Fee is not required for Private Lands/Compliance (only).
- 11. <u>Scheduling an Inspection:</u> It is the property owner's responsibility to schedule with the Lewis and Clark County Weed District

Remember -

- If you have questions, or need help completing the form; call the Lewis and Clark County Weed District at 447-8372/447-8072 or e-mail lccountymt.gov
- There is no fee for Private Lands/Compliance Five-Year Noxious Year Management Plans

Fee Schedule and Requirements for Noxious Weed Free Certification

Subdivision ● Timber Harvests ● Open Pit • Special Projects* (Cell Tower etc.)

(Special Projects* Excludes Private Lands/Compliance; there is no fee for Private Lands/Compliance)

The following fee schedule applies to *all acres* to be inspected for a subdivision, timber harvest, open pit or special projects* (cell tower etc.) unit:

Acreage includes:

- 1. The excavation, cutting or gravel area,
- 2. roads entering and exiting the project area,
- 3. possible disturbed ground locations,
- 4. crossings, and
- 5. other equipment and operation locations.

Fees do not include properties adjacent to the project area.

Fee Schedule

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| Size of project area | <u>Fee</u> | | | |
| 0-25 acres | \$50 (minimum fee) | | | |
| 26-50 acres | \$75 | | | |
| 51-75 acres | \$100 | | | |
| 76-150 acres | \$150 | | | |
| 151-200 acres | \$200 | | | |
| 201-300 acres | \$250 | | | |
| 301+ acres | \$250 plus \$2.00 per additional acre | | | |

- ✓ Fees include cost for mileage, inspection time, and administrative costs associated with the subdivision, timber harvest, open pit or special projects (cell tower etc.).
- ✓ A Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan must be filed on the subdivision, timber harvest, open pit or special project (cell tower etc.) area (acres) and adjacent land owned by the applicant along with a noxious weed inventory map. Identify infestation and/or controlled areas prior to operations.
- ✓ The Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan must outline construction or harvest and transport equipment cleaning procedures for pre-entry to the area.
- ✓ Each additional project within the area will be subject to fees and a review of the property owner's Five— Year Noxious Weed Management Plan and equipment cleaning procedures.

VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT CLEANING PROCEDURES

The following are procedures recommended by the Lewis and Clark County Weed District to manage noxious weed seeds on equipment and vehicles being used for subdivisions, timber harvests, open pit mines or special project (cell tower etc.) These standard actions and procedures are to be used, where applicable, to reduce the risk of spreading or introducing noxious weeds through operations of vehicles and/or equipment:

- 1. Clean vehicles and equipment prior to arrival on project land to prevent introduction and spread of noxious weed seeds.
 - The vehicles/equipment shall be free of soil clumps and vegetative matter or other debris that could contain or hold noxious weed seeds. Cleaning of the vehicles/equipment should be done with a pressure washer or comparable high-pressure equipment (mobile equipment) and shall be done in a designated area that can be monitored over a five-year period after project completion or at a commercial washing area. Pay particular attention to frame rails, skid plates, grill/bumpers, belly guards, and other undercarriage areas that could harbor noxious weed seeds or vegetative matter.
- 2. Because wet soil and mud will readily adhere to vehicles, equipment, and/or tools:
 - conduct operations during the dry season whenever possible, and
 - utilize paved and graveled roads whenever possible.
- 3. After working in an infested area, remove or wash-off accumulations of plant debris (especially foliage), soil, and mud from vehicles, equipment, tools, etc. before traveling to an area that is not infested with noxious weeds. Pay particular attention to sites where plant debris and soil may accumulate. Wash solution should contain biodegradable soap.
- 4. After cleaning debris from vehicles and/or equipment, be sure to spray wash solution on any surface that may have come into contact with noxious weeds.

Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan Checklist

SUBDIVISION, TIMBER HARVEST, OPEN PIT, SPECIAL PROJECT or COMPLIANCE

- Check off completed sections and detach for your records.
- All areas must be completed prior to final approval.

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| ✓ | # | Requirement | | |
| | 1 | Project name | | |
| | 2 | Plan years | | |
| | 3 | Landowner information (representative/contact optional) | | |
| | 4 | Legal description and Geo Code | | |
| | 4* | Map of Project area attached to Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan | | |
| | 5 | Existing noxious weed plan | | |
| | 6 | Landowner signature | | |
| | 7 | Environmental checklist | | |
| | 8-A | Management Plan: noxious weeds present | | |
| | 8-B | Management Plan: acreage of infestation (map attached) | | |
| | 8-C | Management Plan: Project area acreage | | |
| | 8-D | Management Plan: management methods | | |
| | 8-E Management Plan: chemical use | | | |
| | 8-F Management Plan: soil type(s) | | | |
| | 8-G Management Plan: groundwater | | | |
| | 8-H Management Plan: management schedule | | | |
| | 9 Management Plan: Revegetation plan. Please write NA if this item does not apply to this project area. | | | |
| | 10 PRIOR to any property disturbance the landowner must have: ✓ Approved 5 year management plan ✓ Inspection fees paid ✓ Inspection and "Weed Free Certification" *Submit fees to Lewis and Clark County Planning (City/County Building) 316 N Park Ave- Room 230 (\$2/acre or Minimum fee of \$50) | | | |
| | | *Submit original completed Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan (pages 5-9) and fee receipt(s) to Lewis and Clark County Weed District: 3402 Cooney Dr. Helena, MT 59602. *Keep pages 1-4 for your records. | | |
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Lewis and Clark County Weed District

Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan Application

| (check one): ☐ Subdivision ☐ Timber Harvest ☐ Open Pit Mine ☐ Special | al Project (Cell Tower etc.) ☐ Private Lands/Compliance* <mark>(NO fee*</mark> |
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| 1. Name of Plan: | District Staff |
| 2. Plan covers dates: Year(s): _2022_through _202 | - |
| B. Landowner/Landowner's representative (Please P | Print): |
| Landowner: | Representative/Contact: |
| Mail Address: | Mail Address: |
| City: | City: |
| State: ZIP: | State: ZIP: |
| Phone(s): | Phone(s): |
| 4. Legal Description of Land in Project Area: * A | Attach property map to application. |
| Geo Code | |
| | p: Range: |
| 5. Is this Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plane □ Yes □ No (Check one) Name/Number Project requires a 310 Permit: □Yes □No (Check one) – 3 6. Landowner's Signature; Landowner has read and Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plane | ber of existing Plan: 10 Permit has been applied for: □Yes □No (Check one) |
| Printed Name/Owner Signature | Date |
| Internal L Application complete Map attache | <mark>Jse Only</mark> ed Fees Paid Date// |
| Five-Year Noxious Weed Management Plan: Approved Approved with modifications | Date:/ Date:/ |
| Inspector's Certified Weed Free Initials: Weed Coordinator or Co | |

7. Environmental Check:

| Statement | Yes | No |
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| 1) There is "significant use" of the management site by wildlife and/or fish | | |
| species. | | |
| <u>Comments:</u> | | |
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| 2) Important vegetation communities are present which may be impacted by the | | |
| proposed project or management plan. | | |
| <u>Comments:</u> | | |
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| 3) Significant topographic features, terrain, or aesthetic values are present in the | | |
| management site. | | |
| Comments: | | |
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| 4) Important surface or groundwater resources are present which may be | | |
| impacted by the proposed project or management plan. | | |
| Comments: | -1 | |
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| 5) Fragile soils or soils requiring special consideration are present in the | | |
| management area. | | |
| <u>Comments:</u> | • | |
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| O) Management and a section and a side of the section of the secti | 1 | I |
| 6) Management area contains areas with unique or reclamation considerations | | |
| (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.) | | |
| <u>Comments:</u> | | |
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8. Identify (circle any that apply):

A. COMMON NOXIOUS WEEDS OF THE AREA - TOP TEN

- 1. SPOTTED KNAPWEED
- 2. DIFFUSE KNAPWEED
- 3. RUSSIAN KNAPWEED
- 4. CANADA THISTLE
- 5. LEAFY SPURGE
- 6. DALMATIAN TOADFLAX
- 7. YELLOW TOADFLAX
- 8. WHITETOP
- 9. FIELD BINDWEED
- 10. HOUNDSTONGUE

COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST

COMMON BURDOCK COMMON MULLEIN BLACK HENBANE GARLIC MUSTARD MUSK THISTLE

WATCH LIST

HOARY ALYSSUM ST. JOHNSWORT SULFUR CINQUEFOILS COMMON TANSY OX-EYE DAISY

If any of the weeds that are listed on the State of Montana's additional noxious weeds list and are priority plants for prevention, eradication, management, etc... are found during the certification process you will be notified.

B. Acres of noxious weeds on property. (Check one):

| Less than 1 acre | 26-50 acres | 101-250 acres | |
|------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 1-10 acres | 51-100 acres | 251+ acres | |
| 11-25 acres | * map attached of inventory of noxious weeds | | |

C. Total acreage of property. (Check one):

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|--|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 1-10 acres | 26-50 acres | 101-250 acres |
| | 11-25 acres | 51-100 acres | 250+ acres |

D. Planned noxious weed management method (Check all that apply):

| Chemical spraying | Biological & Chemical | Cultivation & Revegetation |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Biological & Pulling | Mowing | Pulling |
| Other (List): | | |

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| Ŀ. | List herbicides | that are to | be used if v | you are planning | ı on spravıng. |

CAUTION: If spraying herbicides in an area to be developed for homes or in a landscape environment only use herbicides with a low residual activity or with a short half life.

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F. Soil type where weeds will be managed (Check all that apply):

| Sand | Gravel | Clay |
|-----------|--------------|------------|
| Loam | Gravely Loam | Sandy Loam |
| Clay Loam | Other: | |

7-15 feet

Unknown

| Spring (A | | | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| | • | <u> </u> | Fall (September-October) | | |
| Summer (July- August) Spring and Fall | | | | | |
| vegetation n | nanagement (Must be completed if | any soil will be disturbed |): | | |
| | f disturbance: | any con min be dictarbed | / - | | |
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| Description of | f royagotation work to be done | | | | |
| Description o | f revegetation work to be done | | | | |
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| Vehicle/Equip | oment cleaning plan to reduce no | xious weed seed introd | duction or spread (S | ee p. 4): | |
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| | Average precipitation per yea | r· | | | |
| <u>Moisture</u> | Average precipitation per yea | | | | |
| <u>Moisture</u> | Average precipitation per year Seeded area will be irrigated | | Yes | No | |
| | Seeded area will be irrigated | (Check one): | Yes | No | |
| <u>Seedbed</u> | Seeded area will be irrigated Date seed bed will be prepare | (Check one): | Yes | No | |
| | Seeded area will be irrigated Date seed bed will be prepare Seeding dates: | (Check one): | Yes | No | |
| Seedbed Preparation | Seeded area will be irrigated Date seed bed will be prepare | (Check one): | Yes | No | |
| <u>Seedbed</u> | Seeded area will be irrigated Date seed bed will be prepare Seeding dates: | (Check one): | Yes | No | |
| Seedbed Preparation | Date seed bed will be prepare Seeding dates: List seed type to be used: Pounds of seed per acre: | (Check one): | | | |
| Seedbed Preparation | Seeded area will be irrigated Date seed bed will be prepare Seeding dates: List seed type to be used: | (Check one): | Yes | No | |

G. Groundwater depth where noxious weeds will be managed (Check one):

3-7 feet

Below 25 feet

0-3 feet

15-25 feet

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY CERTIFICATION OF

NOXIOUS WEED FREE

| | imber Harvest | | n Pit Mine | | | |
|--|---|--------------|---|--|--|--|
| Landowner: | Home | Phone: | | | | |
| Mail Address: | r Phone: | | | | | |
| City: | | | | | | |
| Sketch potential noxious weed seed areas for upcoming land | I reviews | | | | | |
| Inspection Request Received// Fees Paid Management Plan Approved Map on file | | | Subdivision Name Timber Harvest Name | | | |
| *Noxious Weeds Found – Photos Needed Weeds present in plan area (Check all that apply): COMMON NOXIOUS WEEDS OF THE AREA – *CHECK TH TOP TEN #1 – SPOTTED KNAPWEED #2 – DIFFUSE KNAPWEED #3 – RUSSIAN KNAPWEED #4 – CANADA THISTLE #5 – LEAFY SPURGE #6 – DALMATIAN TOADFLAX #7 – YELLOW TOADFLAX #8 – WHITETOP #9 – FIELD BINDWEED #10 – HOUNDSTONGUE COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED LIST #1 – COMMON BURDOCK #2 – COMMON MULLEIN #3 – BLACK HENBANE #4 – GARLIC MUSTARD | | djacent Land | Open Pit Mine Name Special Project Permission to Enter Property DATE Date Initial Inspected | | | |
| WATCH LIST #1 – HOARY ALYSSUM #2 – ST. JOHNSWORT #3 – SULFUR CINQUEFOILS #4 – COMMON TANSY #5 – OX-EYE DAISY #6 – PERRENNIAL PEPPERWEED OTHER THE STATE OF MONTANA ADDITIONAL NOXIOUS WEEDS TO PREVENTION, ERADICATION, MANAGEMENT ETC IF ARE FOUND DURING THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS YOU WENTED | F ANY ONE OF THESI WILL BE NOTIFIED. | E WEEDS | Certified: Yes No Comments: 2nd Inspection Date: | | | |
| L&C Co. Weed District Representative (Certifies Noxious Weed Free Area) Copy sent to Lewis and Clark County Planning Department (Subdivision only) Copy sent to landowner | | | | | | |

Date:_____

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