



Managing Pathways

Farm Product Quarantine

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The Problem

Previous to 1987, District Board and Staff compiled facts to be included in the petition:

- Growing infestation of noxious weeds within district
- Noxious weeds have been spreading throughout the district
- Spread of noxious weeds has **caused substantial expenditures of money** for chemicals and labor to control weeds within the district



The Problem

Previous to 1987, District Board and Staff compiled facts to be included in the petition:

- Spread of noxious weeds has **impaired the esthetic quality, scenic value and productivity of land** within the district
- Quarantine is necessary to **protect the environment, ecosystem, wildlife habitat, and contain the spread** of undesirable species in Teton County
- Noxious **weed seed is transported into** the District via farm products from other states and areas within Wyoming



The Problem

Previous to 1987, District Board and Staff compiled facts to be included in the petition:

-Not all noxious weeds are present and spreading within the district, but it is the desire of the community that the **importation, growth and spread of all such weed should be controlled** and any quarantine made applicable thereto

-Noxious weeds **not now infesting** the District will, unless controlled, spread and cause damage as much as present infestations of weeds...**important to prevent and control** infestation of additional noxious weeds.



The Problem

Previous to 1987, District Board and Staff compiled facts to be included in the petition:

-Unless all farm products are subject to quarantine a weed control program will not be effective and weed seed from fields of non-quarantine products are liable to spread to other areas.



The Process

- Wyoming Statute 11-5-116 (a), (b), (ii), and (d)
 - (a) Director...declare a quarantine...when it is ascertained thatweed seed, poisonous or injurious plants or plant diseases are likely to be introduced into Wyoming by the importation of farm products, domestic animals or other objects.
 - (b) A district may initiate a district-wide quarantine by one of the following procedures
 - (ii) A district board may hold a hearing...provide proper documentation...and the district has found a need for a district-wide quarantine



The Process

- Wyoming Statute 11-5-116 (a), (b), (ii), and (d)
 - (d) The District board...may request a quarantine against the entry of infested farm products that may be injurious an detrimental to the state and enter into agreements with the law enforcing agencies.



The Details

Wyoming Statute 11-5-116 (d)

- (i) Farm products and equipment shall be certified free of designated noxious weed seeds or infested farm products prior to entry into the state
- (ii) Farm products...are to be certified in the state of origin by the proper officials
- (iii) Interstate shipment of farm products through the state need not be certified if covered...as not to allow the dissemination of infested farm products.



Summary

- All forage products entering Teton County, Wyoming must be certified as weed free according to *NAISMA's North American Weed Free Forage Standards*.
- Shipments of non-certified forage products **through** Teton County are permissible, but the shipment must be 100% covered.



Enforcement

Agreements in place with:

- Wyoming Highway Patrol
- Teton County Sheriff
- Town of Jackson Police

Weed free forage restrictions already in place with Bridger Teton NF, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone, and the National Elk Refuge.

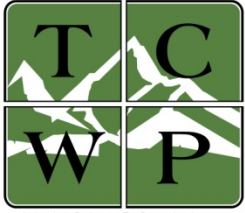


Enforcement

Example of Sheriff Agreement:

The Sheriff's Department may in accordance with Federal and State search and seizure law, **request proof of certification** of hay being transported into and within Teton County, Wyoming. Any driver **failing to provide proof** of certification shall be requested to **1) return the cargo or equipment to its point of origin, 2) take the cargo to a processing plant to have it rendered harmless, and/or recleaned to the point that no infested farm products are present, 3) change the destination of the cargo to a place outside Teton County, or 4) destroy the cargo.**

Under W.S. 11-5-117 Criminal provision; penalty- any person violating any provision of this act is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).



TETON COUNTY
WEED & PEST DISTRICT

How does TCWP help?

- Certify (free of charge) any field in Teton County, WY.
 - No weeds present with viable seed within 7 days of inspection
- Sell Twine to certified producers at 50% cost share
- Provide maps and weed management plans to producers**

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VOID

Date: ____/____/____
RPCS No. WY: ____/____/____

WYOMING CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION
*Note: This is a 3 Year Certificate

County Weed and Pest Control District: 307, _____

This certifies that the field(s) described herein, have been inspected according to Regional Forage Certification Standards. The objective of this program is to help prevent and slow the spread of Designated Noxious Weeds by providing forage which is free of the potential for transport and dispersal of listed weed species.

Producer: _____ Phone: 307-_____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Code: _____

Field(s) Description: _____
Area Inspected: _____ Cutting (circle one) First, Second, or Third
Farm/Pasture: _____ Package Type: _____

FORAGE PRODUCT:

A. **EXCEEDS** requirements of the Regional Forage Certification standards and contains only the specified forage plant material. No other plants or weeds noted.

B. **MEETS** requirements of the Regional Forage Certification Standards. This forage contains variable amounts of annual weeds and/or other weeds not listed as prohibited or noxious.

(Weeds noted): _____

C. **COMPLIES WITH MINIMUM** requirements of the Regional Forage Certification Standards. This forage contains variable amounts of Prohibited or Noxious weed species which were identified, but viable only when harvested, or were tagged to prevent seed formation. These plant parts, although not usually desirable in the forage product, are not considered able to begin new infestations.

(Weeds noted): _____

Additional Comments: _____

REQUIREMENTS

Forage must be certified within 7 days of harvesting; and inspected in the Field of Origin by proper officials. Inspection shall include surrounding fields, stem rows, remnants, stub, etc. and include stems and stalks.

Certificate shall document included information based on a reasonable and prudent visual inspection. This certificate shall be in effect for the current season as is specified. Termination date: ____/____/____

Certified by: _____ Title: _____

Disclaimer: Certified Forage may not meet the quality standards adopted by the Hay Marketing Task Force of the American Forage and Grasslands Council. Using this certificate to represent any Forage from non-certified facility shall constitute a violation of the Wyoming Weed and Pest Act and prosecution charges may be filed with the proper County Attorney.

** This certificate is not Transferable; and will not be accepted by Law Enforcement Agencies or Port of Entry Authority. End User must have the original when from RPCS/WDA. 70/08. Transfer Certificate (the plain version) or Green Mark (the identical) with an approved RPCS marking system such as special twine or tags. For additional information call the District in your area or the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at 307-777-6762.

White copy - Producer; Yellow copy - Extension Office; Pink copy - District





Challenges and Solutions?

- Enforcement (*continue to educate departments*)
- Movement of Hay within the County (*potential ag products property quarantine*)
- Supply of certified products (*promote a value added marketing model*)
- Other introduction pathways (*PlayCleanGo*)
 - Rafts/Personal watercrafts
 - Nursery Stock
 - Mountain Bikers
 - Hikers

Stop Invasive Species in your Tracks



Come Clean, Leave Clean





Questions?

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