

Noxious Weed Report for March 7

Hi, this is the Noxious Weed Report for March 7.

Today I would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone who stopped in last week in acknowledgement of National Invasive Species Awareness Week. We also want to let everyone know how much we appreciate all of the time and effort that Okanogan County landowners are putting forth to help stop the spread of invasive plants.

This week I'd also like to mention that we recently sent out our yearly contracts to landowners who have had Class B-Designate noxious weeds on their properties in past years. We have been getting a good response back so far, but, if you haven't had time to return yours yet, I wanted to remind you that there is still time to send your signed contract in if you would like to have a commercial applicator treat any noxious weeds on your property.

Many landowners choose to control noxious weed infestations on their own, but, for those landowners who prefer the convenience of having a commercial applicator treat their weeds for them, the contract is a good option. The contracts help us to coordinate the applicators' work so they are able to get those weeds under control in a timely manner, before seed production occurs. This is an especially good option for landowners who live and work out of the area. If you have any questions about the contract, or need help identifying which Class B-Designate noxious weeds you may have on your property, then please give us a call at 509-422-7165.

Finally this week, I would like to mention that on the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's website, under the heading, "All About Weeds", the Noxious Weed of the Month is Hoary Cress, more commonly known as Whitetop. The article has a lot of great information about how to identify Hoary Cress, as well as information about the many damaging effects that it can have on your property, the environment, and possibly your livestock.

We encourage everyone to go to the Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's website, at www.nwcb.wa.gov/weed-of-the-month, to check out the article on this month's featured noxious weed.