

Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Weed Department
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Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Management Agreement for the Control of Noxious Weeds

The following form must be completed and approved by all parties at the request of the weed department, the weed board, the planning department, or any other involved parties. The purpose of this management agreement is to inform the person(s), agencies, businesses, and/or other entities involved of the Montana State Law concerning weed control (7-22-21), and also to devise a one to two year strategy to maintain the property at a compliance level for both state law and county ordinances.

For the purposes of this document the definitions of “noxious weeds” or “weeds”, “person”, and “weed management” or “control” can be found in MCA 7-22-2101. The Montana Local County Weed Act has declared that noxious weeds and the seeds of any noxious weeds are a common nuisance (7-22-2115). Furthermore (1) it is unlawful for any person to permit any noxious weed to propagate or go to seed on the person’s land, except that any person who adheres to the noxious weed management program of the person’s weed management district or who has entered into and is in compliance with a noxious weed management agreement is considered to be in compliance with this section. (2) When property is offered for sale, the person who owns the property shall notify the owner’s agent and the purchaser of: (a) the existence of noxious weed infestations on the property offered for sale; and (b) the existence of a noxious weed management program or a noxious weed management agreement as provided in subsection 1 (7-22-2116).

An Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Management Agreement for the Control of noxious weeds is required at the request of the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County on properties that do not require an official weed management plan, but are still an area of high risk or interest of the traffic and control of noxious weeds. A management agreement is a cooperative plan devised between the landowner, representative, or controlling agency and the Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Weed Department.

The management and control programs agreed to in the management agreement must be carried out for the agreed upon period of one to two years from the date of the plan’s formal acceptance, and are subject to observation and review by the weed department at least once a year. The involved parties will be informed by phone and standard post five working days prior to inspection by the weed department. This weed management agreement is subject to revision to meet new standards of weed control as defined by the Montana Local County Weed Act (7-22-21) and/or Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Ordinances. Unless defined in the new state law or ordinance, the one to two year period of this agreement will not be required to start over. If the parameters of this management agreement are met for the agreed upon time frame, the property may be managed at the discretion of the owner or maintaining body as long as compliance is still maintained within the state law and county ordinances. If the parameters of the management agreement are not met, the owner, owning agency, business, or other entity will then be required to file an official three year weed management plan with the county at the cost of \$50.00. The property in question may also be subject to the procedures for noncompliance as outlined in MCA 7-22-2123, and may be billed for the cost of outside weed control and subjected to civil penalties.

I have hereby read and understand the above information. I have presented any questions I have at this time about the above information to the weed department. I understand that I may present any future questions to the weed department at (406) 563-4071

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please fill out the following form to the best of your knowledge

Contact the Weed Department if you have any questions (406) 563-4071

General Information:

Name of Land Owner: _____

Name of Business Operating Within the Management Area: _____
(If Applicable)

Name of Representing Person/Agency: _____
(If Applicable)

Phone #s of Owner or Representative: Main # (____) _____ Alternate # (____) _____

Address to Be Covered Under Management Agreement: _____
Address City State Zip

Mailing Address of Owner or Representative: _____
Address City State Zip

Legal Description:

_____ 1/4, _____ 1/4, Section _____, Township _____ North South, Range _____ East West

Size of Property Covered Under This Management Agreement _____ Acre(s)

Land Use: (Check all that apply)

Agriculture Residential Commercial Pasture (non-crop) Other

If Other, Please Explain: _____

Noxious Weeds Present:

Are there Noxious Weeds Present on the Property in Question: Yes No

If Yes, Please Identify the Weeds Present: Spotted Knapweed Leafy Spurge Whitetop Canada

Thistle Field Bind Weed Common Mullein Other: _____

Management and Control:

Effective management and control of noxious weeds utilizes multiple control agents and methods.

Note: burning and mowing are effective tools for weed control if used in conjunction with other methods but are not effective control methods if used alone. Some methods of weed management are at your discretion to fit what will work for you; however, some are mandatory and have been selected for you. Please select the following methods of control that you will utilize in this management plan.

Check All That Apply

- Burning (must obtain all required county permits and follow all restrictions)
- Mowing
- Hand Removal by use of hands, shovel, or other hand operated tool (be sure to remove the whole root system)
- Grazing (use of livestock to control weeds)
- Chemical Control (be sure to read and follow all label directions on all chemical control products and be aware of the hazards and effects of improper use)

If Chemical Control is to be used, please list chemicals to be used and applicator:

Biological Control

If Bio Control is to Be Used, Please List Organisms to Be Used:

Thoroughly wash all vehicles and equipment, paying close attention to the undercarriage, to remove and eliminate the spread of noxious weeds and noxious weed seeds.

Monitor and report any new infestations of noxious weeds in and around your area to the weed department to prevent further spread of noxious weeds in your area.

Other: _____

Length of Agreement:

One Year Two Years

Potential Hazards:

There are many hazards to consider when developing a weed management plan. Please mark the potential hazards that exist within the management property.

Trees (forestry) Trees (ornamental) Gardens Wells Stream, Rivers, or Canals Traffic of animals (domestic) Traffic of animals (wildlife) Traffic of vehicles (roads and right of way) Traffic of vehicles (off road and trails or equipment)

Other: _____

The Following Section is for Weed Department Use Only

To be filled out after evaluation of property to be managed

Unnoticed/Unidentified Noxious Weeds:

Unnoticed/Unidentified Hazards:

Approval of Submitted Weed Management Agreement Yes No

Reason for Denial: _____

Recommendations: _____

I have hereby read and understand all the information provided to me in this packet and have made all necessary inquires about the one to two year management agreement established in this document. I understand that breach of this agreement will result in the requirement of an official weed management plan, and may result in a status of noncompliance with Montana State Law resulting in punishment to the full extent of the law.

Owner/Representing Agent: _____ Date: _____

Weed Board President: _____ Date: _____

Weed Coordinator: _____ Date: _____