

STEVENS COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT

1466 ROAD 13

HUGOTON, KS 67951

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2022 ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOALS AND PRIORITIES

- The goals of the Stevens County Noxious Weed Department are to implement early detection, containment and controls of Noxious Weeds.

FIVE YEAR GOALS AND PRIORITIES

- Reduce Noxious Weeds by 20% in Stevens County over a 5-year period.
- Educate local land owners on new and existing noxious weeds.

DESCRIPTION OF AREAS WHICH NOXIOUS WEED SPECIES ARE KNOWN TO OCCUR, LOCATIONS AND NEW INFESTATIONS

- Bindweed – Approximately 30,000 acres
- Bur Ragweed – Approximately 160 acres
- Johnson Grass – Approximately 320 acres
- Musk Thistle – Approximately 2 acres
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NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL METHODS

- Treatment of methods will be based on species specific and area and specific conditions.

LIST OF WEED MANAGEMENT GOALS AND PROCEDURES

- Biological Controls – N/A
- Chemical Controls – Pesticide application minimize the impact on surrounding vegetation.
- Cultural Controls – N/A
- Mechanical Controls – N/A

EDUCATION

- Attend chemical education meetings.
- Display brochures in Noxious Weed Department Office.
- One on One contract with the general public.
- Published Kansas Noxious Weed Law in General Notice in local paper.

ESTIMATE PROJECTED ANNUAL COST

- Personnel and operation and equipment cost are \$35.00 per hour.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- Communicate with landowners about with noxious weeds. No further action has been needed.
- Send out General Notice
- Send Official Notice
- Legal Notice

STATE

- We did not enter into a contract with the State to spray their roadside. We will offer to sell chemical to them or whomever contract roadside to make sure Noxious Weeds are being treated.

PERSONNEL

- Train employees on safety procedures in handling chemical and operating equipment.
- Require that full-time employees obtain and maintain proper certification needed for spraying weeds.
- Communicate with employees on daily work duties.
- At all times have communication ability with employees available via telephone or radio.
- Attend all training classes possible.

EQUIPMENT

2002 Ford F350 Dually pickup equipped with a 600-gallon sprayer with hose reel & handgun. One boomless front nozzle and 26-foot folding spray booms on rear of truck.

2005 Ford F350 Dually pickup equipped with a 600-gallon sprayer with hose reel & handgun. One boomless front nozzle and 26-foot folding spray booms on rear of truck.

We certify that Brent Shelman is the County Weed Director for the 2022 year. We also certify that this is a correct copy of the Stevens County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan as required by K.S.A. 2-1317.

Tom Igo

DATE 2-28-2022

County Commissioner

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Noxious Weed Director

Public Works Supervisor