

NOXIOUS WEED BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2021 Video Meeting
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS Present:

Sarah Canham	Julie Craig	Autumn Loewen	Toni Stephan
Elizabeth Johnson	Jeff Amaral	Matt Flautt	Allen Hammerman

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Ed Keith	Charlie Hanna	Kelli Candella
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Minutes

Minutes for December 10, 2020, M/S/C, with changes.

Old Business

None at this time

New Business

Educational outreach, video training. Board members discussed topics from last meeting and agreed the list was effective. Toni mentioned adding Bur Buttercup (*Ceratocephala testiculata*), currently a C rated weed, committee agreed to add.

FORMAT – discussion of format of videos, link videos together so to be watched individually or once one is watched the next presentation video will begin. Video should be 3 – 5 minutes, shorter the better
Highlights of format:

- Weed ID, Why it is Bad, When and where found, and control technique.
- Separate video on more detailed control, such as horticultural, mechanical or herbicide methods; directs a viewer to the Best Management Practices for each weed linked on the Deschutes County weed web page.
- Include what does not work, description of selective or non-selective broadleaf treatments.
- Do not give specific chemical information
- Must include READ LABEL – IT’S THE LAW and DO NOT SPRAY ON PUBLIC LANDS or PRIVATE PROPERTY – Report Any Weed Issues. Direct viewer to go to www.deschutes.org/weeds or call County for more information.
- Include stages of plants along with photos of each stage.
- Address Risk vs. Toxicity with caution label, risk to exposure and PPE.
- Proper disposal.

Target audience: Hobby farms, hikers, ¼ acre lots or smaller. Each committee member will take on one of the plants and put together the information needed for video. Toni and Matt will work on putting the videos together after all submitted. Assignment of plants: Scotch thistle: Allen; Dalmatian toadflax: Jeff, Russian thistle: Autumn, Puncture vine: Christina, Knapweed: Matt, Cheat grass and Bur buttercup: Toni, Medusa head: Sarah, Orange hawkweed: Elizabeth
Christina has information from brochure; please forward to the committee for their use.
Jeff shared a Power Point showing suggestion of format and open for review.

Post video link on County website, social media, Deschutes Farm Bureau, BP website, weed wagon continuous showing while in use.

Roundtable

- Toni – working from home on new presentations to put on-line
- Charlie- currently weather is permitting BPA lot treatments. Crew are prepping truck ready to gear up for spring season. Been talking to chemical representatives, budget prep, treating power poles with granular spray kill for fire retardant maintenance project.
- Autumn – Private roads discussed at previous meeting, no further contact.
- Sarah – not much going on, planning for 2021, hired a seasonal weed tech, starting in April.
- Matt – formulating seasonal plan for private landowner, target start date, March 1.
- Allen – nothing new, will work with Autumn on Special Road District information.
- Jeff – discussion on Cascade Vegetation Management.
- Beth – due to budget will only hire one seasonal worker back for 2021, last season had three.
- Ed – will also follow up with Autumn with Road District information. Been working on Cost Share. Reminder – Todd Peplin is interested in larger landowners that are interested in restoration, OWEB has grant money available.

Meeting Schedule Next Meeting VIRTUAL set for February 11, 2021, at 3:30 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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