

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 14th day of March, 2022

The Butte County Weed & Pest Department has received a grant from the South Dakota Weed & Pest Commission to map and spray Phragmites along the Belle Fourche River and Whitewood Creek in Butte County through a private contractor (MidDakota Vegetation). The spraying and mapping will start at the Wyoming Line and work towards the Meade County Line.

Butte County Weed & Pest Department is asking for landowners along the Belle Fourche River and Whitewood Creek in Butte County to give us permission to map and spray their property for Phragmites at no cost to the landowner. As a landowner, if you do not give permission to map and spray your property you must contact the Butte County Hwy Dept at 605-892-4414 prior to May 1, 2022.

Phragmites is a statewide declared noxious weed in South Dakota. As pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended, all owners, occupants, agents, and public officials in charge of lands in Butte County, South Dakota, are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weeds and declared pest infestations that may exist on such lands.

Landowners not allowing permission to map and spray their property will be responsible for treating Phragmites at your own cost.

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NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

This 14 day of March 2022, pursuant to SDCL 38-22, as amended to all owners, occupants, agents, and public officials in charge of lands in Butte County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations that may exist on such lands.

Chemical, biological and/or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weeds and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purpose for the Butte County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Agricultural Extension Agent, or the South Dakota State University Experiment Station.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the County Weed and Pest board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pest destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expenses of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land; and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected or by other means as provided by law. Plants and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the State of South Dakota are Canada Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Salt Cedar, Leafy Spurge, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Purple Loose Strife, plus Prairie Dogs, Mountain Pine Beetle, and Gypsy Moth. In addition: Scotch Thistle, Phragmites, Common Mullein, Common Tansy, Houndstongue, Poison Hemlock, Burdock, and Musk & Plumeless Thistles have been approved by the State Weed and Pest Control Commission as locally Noxious Weeds in Butte County, and are subject to the same suppression, control, and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals.

Should landowners or operators wish to have a particular roadside area under their control exempted from possible county roadside application of herbicides, insecticides, and other pesticides, they must request and fill out a pesticide restriction form annually by April 15th. The form is available at the Butte County Hwy Office, 117 5th Ave., Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Phone # 605-892-4414.

For more information concerning Noxious Weed or Declared Pest control you may contact any of the following Weed & Pest board members: Dan Kokesh, Nisland; Tom Mackey, Nisland; Clint Pitts, Vale or County Commissioner member, Karrol Herman, Nisland, Frank Walton, Belle Fourche, or Dwayne Heidrich, Nisland, is County Weed & Pest Supervisor. His number is 605-892-4414.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO INSPECT NOXIOUS WEEDS AND/OR DECLARED PESTS NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT IF THE BUTTE COUNTY WEED AND PEST BOARD HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIVE THAT THE LAND OWNED/OPERATED BY YOU HAS AN INFESTATION OF STATE OR COUNTY DECLARED NOXIOUS WEEDS OR DECLARED PESTS SDCL 38-22-23.12 REQUIRES THAT YOU BE NOTIFIED THAT AN INSPECTION WILL BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF THE SUSPECTED AREA IS INFESTED AS INDICATED ABOVE. THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE INSPECTION WILL BE MADE BY THE BUTTE COUNTY WEED AND PEST CONTROL SUPERVISOR WHO SHALL ENTER THE PREMISES WITHOUT INTERFERENCE OR OBSTRUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SUSPECTED INFECTED AREA. THIS INSPECION WIL BE CONDUCTED DURING REASONABLE BUSINESS HOURS. SHOULD THE INSPECTION CONFIRM AN INFESTATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS OR DECLARED PEST, REMEDIAL ACTION TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL THE INFESTATION WILL BE REQUIRED. COST OF REMEDIAL ACTION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LANDOWNER. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS OF THIS INSPECTION, AND ANY SPECIFIC REMEDIAL ACTION THAT MAY BE REQUIRED TO REMEDY THE INFESTATION.

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