

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

This 23 day of March 2020, 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, Poison Hemlock, and Burdock, 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 Weed 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: Leon Minor, Nisland; Tom Mackey, Nisland; Clint Pitts, Vale or County Commissioner member, Kim Richards, Newell, Dwayne Heidrich, Nisland, is County Weed & Pest Supervisor. His number is 605-892-4414. Sandy Hammill, Newell, the County Weed & Pest Spray Applicator, her number is 605-210-0082.

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 BELIEVE 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 INFESTED AREA. THIS INSPECTION WILL 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 LAND OWNER. 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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Butte County Weed & Pest Department

117 5th Avenue

Belle Fourche, SD 57717

March 23, 2020

Dear Landowner,

The Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is writing you this letter to inform you that we have applied for a grant through the State and have received money to put towards the control of Phragmites.

We are asking you as the landowner to please help us determine where Phragmites is present in Butte County. We have seen an extreme increase in the amount of Phragmites found in Butte County Primarily along the Belle Fourche River. The Weed & Pest Dept. knows that the problem is present from the Wyoming State line to Vale, SD on the Belle Fourche River.

We are requesting that landowners let us know if they have Phragmites on their property, so we can help you eliminate the infestation problem this spring with pesticides. Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is hoping to get a sub-contractor in to spray the Phragmites with no cost to the landowners. Measures need to be done to keep the current problem from spreading throughout the entire county. Phragmites is best controlled in the Spring (May or June).

If you wish to opt out of having a sub-contractor spray your property, please let the Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. know right away, 605-892-4414 or 605-210-0082 (If no answer leave a message). However, please remember that all noxious weeds including Phragmites are required to be controlled.

Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is extremely concerned with the rapid increase of Phragmites along the Belle Fourche River and in Butte County. We are encouraging landowners, operator, and neighbors to do everything possible to help us decrease/eliminate this problem. **If you have noticed Phragmites on your property and wish to have it sprayed, opt out of the spraying, or you would like your property inspected in this spring please call Sandy Hammill 605-210-0082.**

Sincerely,

Butte County Weed & Pest Dept.

Thank you for helping control the noxious weeds in Butte County!!!!

WANTED DEAD NOT ALIVE!!!!
COMMON MULLEIN, POISON HEMLOCK
AND HOARY CRESS

Chemical will be provided compliments of Butte County Weed & Pest and the SD Department of AG—Weed and Pest Commission.

Chemical available for pickup at
State Hwy Shop – 718 Girard Ave - Newell
Wednesday, April 1, 2020 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM

OR

Chemical available for pickup at
Butte Co Hwy Shop – 11163 Valley 1 Rd – Belle Fourche
Thursday, April 2, 2020 – 9:00AM to 3:00PM

If you are unable to make this dates and times; there will be chemical available at the Highway Department Office at 117 5th Ave., Belle Fourche from 8:00AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday. Phone #605-892-4414

Thank you to everyone who participated in this program
And please encourage your neighbors to participate!!!

Thank You!
Butte County Weed & Pest