## IDAHO ASSOCIATION OF NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL SUPERINTENDENTS (IANWCS)

WHAT DO YOU THINK WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORDS

WEEDS

or

NOXIOUS WEEDS ?

My Name is Mitch Whitmill

I am the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent for Jefferson County and the current Chairman for the IANWCS.

## With me is,

Bryce Fowler the Noxious Weed Control Superintendent for Fremont County and the current Rep for Region 6 of our association. Fremont, Clark, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Butte, Camas, and Lemhi Counties.

Thank you for giving us some time to speak to all of you about Noxious Weeds and what roll does a Weed Superintendent serve.

The following list is only a SNAPSHOT of a Weed Superintendents obligations and how they serve the constituents in their County.

First I would like to talk about the question in green on the first slide. Do you think:

- Thistles in my lawn!
- Plantain and Morning Glory in my flower beds!
- Pigweed and Goats head in my gravel driveways and parking areas!
- Purslane and Common Mallow in my garden spot!
- Kochia and Mustards behind the shed and Barn!
- Ooooohhh and there are so many more!!!

These are just a very few of examples of what a Superintendent will hear on an average day

Then who are you going to call to find out what to do and how to get rid of these WEEDS!!

Your County Weed Superintendent!!

The OTHER responsibilities for a Noxious Weed Superintendent and should be of highest priority are:

- PROTECTING AG PRODUCTION LANDS
- PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURSES ON PUBLIC LANDS
- PREVENTING ECONOMIC LOSSES CAUSED BY ALL INVASIVE AND NOXIOUS PLANTS "WEEDS"
- CARRYING OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE NOXIOUS WEED LAW "Title 22 Chapter 24"
- EDUCATING, TRAINING, AND OVERSEEING NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT BY EMPLOYEES AND CONSTITUENTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY

These responsibilities can only be carried out by maintaining a full time qualified SUPERINTENDENT and an active competent Noxious Weed Control Department of CHAMPIONS in the battle against Noxious Weeds!!

**"IS YOUR COUNTY A CHAMPION"** 

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!!