

Idaho Association of
Commissioners and Clerks
2023 Summer Conference
Moscow Idaho

- Alan Martinson
- Chase Youngdahl
- Latah County Weed Superintendent
- Bonner County Weed Superintendent

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Work on 4 problems in
Your County

- Economic Development
- Roads and Streets
- Law Enforcement
- Weeds

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You can only work on 3
Problems!

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- Economic Development
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Why cross off Weeds?

- The
“They’re just weeds” mentality

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DR. RICH OLD



“WHEN I RETIRE, IF THINGS ARE AS BAD AS THEY ARE TODAY, THEN WE WILL HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN FIGHTING WEEDS.”

ABOUT 1980

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- **“When I retire”**
 - in 35 to 40 years
 - **“If things are as bad as they are today”**
 - If we DO NOT improve at all
 - **“Then we will have been successful in fighting weeds”**
 - Reality - Success **NO!!!** ☹
- Because of the **“They’re just weeds” mentality**

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Weeds were much worse in 2022,
and will be worse in 2023
than they were in 1980.



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“When I retire, if things are as bad as they are today....”

“To remain the same and **DO NOT** improve for 35 – 40 years.”

- Is this an acceptable goal in
 - Your County???
 - Your personal lives????
 - Your work or business????
- Absolutely **Not Acceptable!!**

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“When I retire, if things are as bad as they are today....”

“To remain the same and **DO NOT** improve for 35 – 40 years.”

- **But it’s often the norm with weeds and invasive plants.**
- Because of the **“They’re Just Weeds”** mentality

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Idaho's Weed law

- Title 22 Chapter 24 Noxious Weeds
- Defines State, County and Landowner duties and powers.
- Duties – What you are required to do
- Powers – How you do your duties.

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Idaho's Weed law

- County Duties 22-2405(b).
- The County Control Authority shall:
“Establish and maintain a coordinated program for control of noxious weeds in the county; employ a county weed superintendent...”

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Idaho's Weed law

- County Duties 22-2405(d).
- The County Control Authority shall:
“Provide operational and educational funds
for the county weed superintendent”

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Idaho's Weed law

- Every County must have a **Noxious Weed Program, fund it,** and a have **Weed Superintendent...**
- But every County has a **different** Weed Program. No 2 noxious weed programs in Idaho are the same

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Time for an audience participation activity...

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Weed Superintendents Update

- Idaho Association of Noxious Weed Control Superintendents (IANWCS)
- 42 Weed Superintendents for the 44 Counties in Idaho
- 6 Regions
- Governed by an Executive Board that meets spring, summer, fall, and winter

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IANWCS

- Annual Weed Superintendents meeting in conjunction with the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference
- www.ianwcs.org
- Are an affiliate of IAC
- We fight invasive, aggressive, non-native plants, Not “Just Weeds”.

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IANWCS

MISSION STATEMENT:

Empowering our professional county weed superintendents with the best available resources to enhance statewide collaboration for invasive plant management.

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Empowering our Professional County Weed Superintendents

- We **HAVE** to be professional
- We have to deal with the public (taxpayers)
 - Weed Complaints
 - Work with landowners
 - Do site reviews and property inspections
 - Weed control recommendations

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Empowering our Professional County Weed Superintendents

- We represent you, The Commissioners, to
 - The Public (taxpayers)
 - To Cities
 - To Other Counties
 - To Local, State, and Federal Agencies
- We can be the face of your County

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Empowering our Professional County Weed Superintendents

- Licensed by ISDA
 - To make herbicide recommendations
 - To make herbicide applications



ALAN D MARTINSON
 LICENSE 6994, EXPIRES 12/24
 PROFESSIONAL APPLICATOR
 CATEGORIES SW



CHASE YOUNGDAHL
 LICENSE 47879, EXPIRES 12/24
 PROFESSIONAL APPLICATOR
 CATEGORIES AH AP CO FE OH



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Empowering our Professional County Weed Superintendents



- Continued professional training through the Leadership Idaho Agriculture (LIA) program
- 12 current Weed Superintendents are LIA graduates.
- Training at our Annual Meeting

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Empowering our Professional County Weed Superintendents

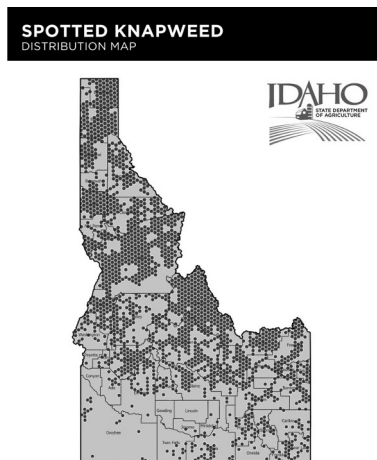
- We're not just "Nozzleheads"
- We do a lot more than just spray roadsides



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The best available resources

- GPS / GIS Mapping of weed locations



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The best available resources

- Spray Equipment
 - ATVs / UTVs, Spray Trucks
 - Injection Systems
 - Variable Rate Applications
 - GIS Tracking
- Low rate environmentally friendly herbicides

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To enhance statewide collaboration

- We work with:
 - Private landowners – individuals and businesses
 - State and Local agencies – ISDA, ITD, IDFG, IDL, SWCDs, Counties, and Cities

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To enhance statewide collaboration

- We work with:
 - Federal Agencies – USFS, BLM, BOR, COE, FSA, NRCS
 - Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) - Landowners and land managers working across jurisdictional boundaries to control noxious and invasive weeds

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To enhance statewide collaboration

- Idaho Noxious Weed Control Association Board (INWCA) members
 - Terry Lee - Camas Co
 - Alan Martinson - Latah Co
 - Dave Wenk -Boundary Co
 - Chase Youngdahl – Bonner Co
 - Mitch Whitmill – Jefferson Co
 - Sharayh Krantz – Lemhi Co

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To enhance statewide collaboration

- Statewide Noxious Weed Advisory (SNWAC) Committee members
 - Bryce Fowler – Freemont Co
 - Bonnie Davis – Washington Co
 - Sharayh Krantz – Lemhi Co
 - Alan Martinson - Latah Co

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For invasive plant management.



Because they're **NOT** "Just Weeds"

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IANWCS

What happened in 2022?

- Exec Board Meetings
 - Spring – Salmon
 - Summer – Cascade
 - Fall – Bonners Ferry
 - Winter – Caldwell
- Annual IANWCS meeting – Caldwell
- Noxious Weed Conference - Boise

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1 New Weed added to the Noxious Weed Temporary List

- Cogon Grass (Japanese Blood Grass)



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Noxious Weeds Calendar



Helicopter spraying herbicide to treat yellow starthistle, a noxious weed, on Bureau of Land Management administered land in Placer County. Yellow starthistle is found in a majority of Idaho counties. Its dense seed-bearing spines can injure livestock and reduce the productivity of yellow starthistle as they are found.

May 2023

County	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

THIS MONTH SPONSORED BY: **envu** David Collins, M.S., Ph.D., david.collins@envu.com



These photos show Eurasian Watermilfoil in the Grand Chertle River in Latah County. This aquatic invasive species is detrimental to the riparian watershed because it can impede water flow, create mosquito habitat, decrease oxygen and interfere with navigation. Removal of the species can include an array of chemical, manual or mechanical options.

October 2023

County	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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ISDA Certified Weed Free Hay & Straw Program

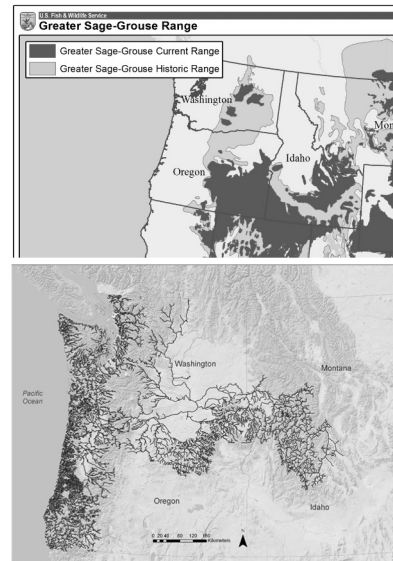
- 23,874 acres certified in 2022
- 32 Counties participated in the weed free hay program



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Endangered Species Issues

- Sage Grouse
- Salmon
- Others



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HONEY BEES

- Colony Collapse Disorder
- Misapplication of Pesticides
- Future impact of all pesticide applications



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INVASIVE SPECIES BOAT CHECK STATIONS

- Not just looking for mussels, but also Aquatic plants and weeds
- 15 Aquatic Weeds on the Noxious Weed List



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We Use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Best Management Practices (BMP)

- Not just spraying
 - Mechanical Control
 - Bio Control
 - Revegetation
 - Prevention
 - Education

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Weed Superintendent of the year 2022

Bryce Fowler
Fremont County



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For 2023 and Beyond

- Have our 4 Exec Board Meetings, Annual Meeting, and Noxious Weed Conference
- Continue Professional Development at our Annual Meeting and through Leadership Idaho Agriculture (LIA)

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For 2023 and Beyond

- Provide Input to ISDA through negotiated rulemaking on
 - Noxious Weed List Changes
 - Applicator licensing
 - Weed Free Hay program
 - Invasive species

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For 2023 and Beyond

- Work with INWCA to produce a 2024 weed calendar
- Remain active on the INWCA Board and on the SNWAC

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For 2023 and Beyond

- Endangered Species
 - Sage Grouse, Salmon and Others
- Honeybee Issues
- Other Environmental Issues
- Continue to use
Integrated Pest Management AND
Best Management Practices

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For 2023 and Beyond

- Recruitment and Retention
- 19 new Weed Superintendents within the last 5 years.
- 11 Weed Superintendents longer than 10 years

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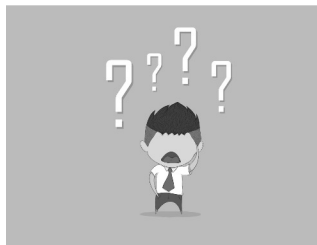
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Thank You Questions?



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