

Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Advisory Committee (SCNWCAC) Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022; 9:00 am-11:45am
US Forest Service Office
173 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID

Executive Summary

- This fall/ winter SCNWCAC plans to present the Shoshone County Commissioners with:
 - Revised SCNWCAC By-laws
 - A slate of candidates for the SCNWCAC 2023-2025
 - A support statement for the new USFS Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District- Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Memorandum of Understanding
- SCNWCAC had an event filled 2022, and has developed a draft calendar of events for 2023:
 - Two Shoshone Free Weed Spray Days
 - A Knotweed Spray Day- inviting partners to address knotweed populations around Kellogg
 - A Blueweed Spray Day- inviting partners to address blueweed populations around Prichard/ Murray
 - A weed information table at the St. Patty's Day parade in Prichard
 - A weed information table at Molly B'Dam Days in Murray

SCNWCAC Board Members Participating:

Shelby Heiderman, Bill Pittman, Carol Randall

Other Attendees:

Vince Cracchiolo, Polly Cracchiolo, Dyar Frank (USFS), Lisa Isaacks (USFS)

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 am by Bill Pittman

Introductions:

Vince and Polly Cracchiolo own property along the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River and are interested in learning more about noxious weed control.

Dyar Frank and Lisa Isaacks are weed technicians for the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District and attended the meeting to learn about the Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Advisory Committee. The USFS is interested in working collaboratively with Shoshone County to address noxious weeds of mutual concern.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

- Draft meetings minutes from June 2, 2022 meeting distributed prior to meeting.
- Motion to accept the meeting minutes with suggested edits by Carol Randall; Seconded by Shelby Heiderman – passed.

Old Business:

SCNWCAC Board Member Recruitment

- We still need to confirm if Rodney Cochran from the Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is willing to serve as a SCNWCAC board member.
- The board is working to recruit additional candidate board members.

SCNWCAC Bylaws

- All suggested edits to the SCNWCAC bylaws have been incorporated into the current (10-11-2022) draft.
- The edited bylaws will be shared with the County Commissioners and the process to revise the bylaws will be identified.
- The SCNWCAC hopes to present the Shoshone County Commissioners with the current draft bylaws, a request to approve SCNWCAC board members, and a proposed 2023 SCNWCAC calendar of events this fall (2022)

Weed Biocontrol Workshop- July 12, 2022

- Two pesticide certification credits available for workshop attendees.
- The workshop included a basic introduction to biocontrol.
- There were seven attendees.

Shoshone County 2022 Free Spray Days

- Held two in 2022; Osburn Shop on June 2 and Real Life Ministries- Silver Valley in Pinehurst on June 16
- Attendance was good
- Approximately 240 gallons of mixed Trimec 992 spray solution (labeled rate) was distributed to members of the public in Osburn and 200 gallons of mixed Trimec 992 spray solution (labeled rate) was distributed to members of the public in Pinehurst

Knotweed Spray Day

- Shelby contacted golf course managers at Galena Ridge, and they are interested in a fall knotweed spray day
- Treatments will not be effective after the first hard frost, so time is running out.
- Shelby, Dyar, Carol, and Vice will meet at Smelterville USFS office Friday, October 14 at 9 am and head to Galena Ridge to treat knotweed plants using injector guns.
- A follow up spray day will be scheduled, and additional volunteers recruited between July 4 and end of August 2023.

Benewah County Fair

- SCNWCAC was unable to secure a booth at the Benewah County Fair in 2022.
- SCNWCAC decided not to explore a booth at the Benewah Co Fair in 2023.

New Business:

Shoshone County Weed Spray Season 2022 & 2023

- Seasonal hired by the County was let go for cause so only part of the planned spraying was completed
- In 2022 there was only one applicant for the seasonal position
- Shelby is exploring a contract with one of the commercial spray outfits to ensure that roadside spraying in Shoshone County is completed in 2023
 - Shelby is working with one contractor out of Athol, Idaho
 - Bill was approached by another contractor who is just starting up, Bill will share contractor's contact information with Shelby
- Shelby would still like to hire a seasonal in 2023 to address special projects/ spray county properties

2023 SCNWCAC Calendar

- This agenda item was listed as 2023 spray days, but the discussion that ensued was broader and encompassed additional activities that SCNWCAC would like to accomplish in 2023
- Group discussed the traditional Shoshone County Free Weed Spray Days during which the county provides Shoshone County residents with free herbicide to treat weeds on private property.
 - The herbicide to be provided will again be Trimec 992 - EPA Reg No 2217-656.
 - The SCNWCAC will again provide a copy of the Trimec 992 label to all participants that pick-up herbicide.
 - An executive summary of Trimec 992 label information including a summary of precautionary statements, directions for use, user safety recommendations, reentry statement, how to clean equipment after use (triple rinse) will also be provided to all spray day attendees.
 - Need to state in pre-event advertising that spray equipment brought to the spray day must be empty and clean before herbicide mixture will be dispensed into it- possibly include instructions on how to triple rise spray equipment.
 - Trimec will not be dispensed into unapproved containers (i.e., empty milk jugs / laundry detergent jugs, etc)
- In 2022 we set a date in Osburn (June 2nd) and did not entertain re-scheduling; then we added a second day in Pinehurst.
- For 2023 we decided to do two Free Weed Spray Days, Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Osburn and Thursday, June 8th, 2023, in Pinehurst.
- Discussed Dyar and Lisa's community weed information session on Sept 27, 2022, at the Prichard/ Murray Volunteer Fire Department.
 - Intent of meeting was to inform the local community about populations of Viper's bugloss (a.k.a., blueweed, *Echium vulgare*), and knotweed (Japanese and Bohemian, *Polygonum* species) and USFS efforts to contain/ control the species.
 - Session was attended in part by two Shoshone County Commissioners.
 - Discussion included the need to get noxious weed information out to others in the community and a suggestion was made that USFS / County noxious weed control should have information tables at community events such as the St. Patty's Day Parade and Molly B'Damn Days.
 - Group decided to add public information events to the 2023 calendar.
- Discussed community weed spray days to target specific weeds in the county.
 - USFS interested in participating if Shoshone County can complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District which would enable USFS personnel to treat collaboratively with County weed control.
 - Target weeds would be blueweed in the Prichard/ Murray area (in September 2023) and knotweed in the Silver Valley (Kellogg- between the 4th of July and the end of August 2023).
- A DRAFT 2023 SCNWCAC Calendar may be found at the end of this document.

Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA) Update:

- The IECWMA is still not functioning.
- Shelby sent an e-mail out to the existing IECWMA mailing list to schedule a fall meeting and has received two replied from Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) personnel willing to host a meeting- but no replies from interested attendees
- Bill attended the Selkirk CWMA (SCWMA) and the idea of Shoshone County partnering with SCWMA on future ISDA Noxious Weed Cost Share projects was discussed.
 - While Bonner and Boundary County Weed Supervisors appeared receptive in including Shoshone County in the SCWMA, the County Commissioners may need some additional information to agree
 - It is unlikely that Shoshone County would become part of the Selkirk CWMA before field season 2023

Need for a New Memorandum of Understanding between Shoshone County and USFS for Cooperative Weed Work

- The MOU between IECWMA partners expires in January 2023.
- Once the IECWMA MOU expires, the USFS will not be able to work on collaborative weed management projects with Shoshone County.
- Originally the intention was to create a new MOU that would include all of the IECWMA partners; however, since so few IECWMA partners reply to e-mails a MOU between the USFS Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District and Shoshone County may be a better solution in the short term as the weed community figures out how to proceed in a post IECWMA environment.
- The MOU would need to be approved/ signed by the Shoshone County Commissioners

Other Business:

- Idaho Noxious Weed Conference would like Shoshone County to donate a raffle basket for the Idaho Noxious Weed Control Conference in January. Baskets are raffled off and raffle proceeds go into a scholarship fund for students in weed science at the University of Idaho. Shelby needs help compiling a basket
- Shelby received an e-mail from ISDA that Shoshone County will be receiving a hot wash station for removing weed seeds/ parts from boats/ equipment
- Need to review and update the Shoshone County Noxious Weed Website

Next Meeting – Spring 2023

- The date for the spring 2023 SCNWCAC meeting is tentatively scheduled on March 13, 2023, 9:00am, USFS Smelterville Office

Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am by Shelby Heiderman; Seconded by Carol Randall - passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Randall.

Approved: Bill Pittman

Date: 4.10.2023

Recap of Motions:

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Approval to adjourn meeting.

Post Meeting Activity:

- October 14th- Meet in Smelterville at USFS Office for a knotweed control day.
- October 19th- USFS meeting to discuss USFS- Shoshone County MOU 2023-2028.
- Finalize Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Calendar of Events and distribute by Dec 31, 2022.
- Start soliciting items to go into a Shoshone County basket for the Idaho Noxious Weed Conference scholarship raffle.

2023 Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Calendar of Events

March 13- Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Advisory Board Spring Meeting- USFS Smelterville Office, 173 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID

March (TBD)- St. Patty's Day Parade at the Prichard Tavern- Noxious Weed Information Booth-

June 1- Community Free Spray Day, Osburn Shop, 58834 Silver Valley Road, Osburn, ID

June 8- Community Free Spray Day, Real Life Ministries- Sliver Valley, Pinehurst, ID

July – August (TBD)- Knotweed Community Spray Day, Kellogg, ID

August (TBD)- Molly B'Damn Days, Murray, ID Noxious Weed Information Booth

September (TBD)- Blueweed Community Spray Day Prichard/ Murray Blueweed

October (TBD)- Shoshone County Noxious Weed Control Advisory Board Fall Meeting- USFS Smelterville Office, 173 Commerce Drive, Smelterville, ID

Blueweed in Flower



Knotweed in Flower

