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## **LANDOWNER ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS (No Spray Areas)**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of these requirements is to: implement a coordinated program for the containment, suppression, and where possible eradication of noxious weeds along the county rights of way adjacent to private property where the adjoining landowner requests to maintain the county right of way, and in general to accomplish the goals of the Gallatin County Weed District Management Plan and County Weed Act; to alert spray crews that a landowner maintenance situation exists; and a tool to educate landowners in Gallatin County about the spread of noxious weeds along roads.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

A Noxious Weed Management Plan (in a form approved by the Board) must be submitted by the Landowner to the Weed District Board that may approve, reject, or approve with recommendation the plan that must include at minimum the following:

1. Identify any noxious weeds present on the county right of way.
2. Landowner/Landowner's Representative acknowledgement that he/she has read and understands the Gallatin County Weed District Management Plan and the relevant sections of the Montana Noxious Weed Control Act.
3. The responsibility for managing noxious weeds on the specified section of right-of-way is transferred from the Gallatin County Weed District to the Landowner/Landowner's Representative signing the plan.
4. Landowner Roadside Maintenance Plan must be renewed prior to the expiration date. If the Landowner/Landowner's Representative fails to contact the Gallatin County Weed District prior to the expiration date, the plan automatically expires and responsibility for managing noxious weeds on the specified section of right-of-way reverts to the Gallatin County Weed District.
5. If the Weed District Board or Board Representative finds that the Landowner/Landowner's Representative has failed to adhere to the Weed

Management Plan, the Board or Board's Representative shall notify the Landowner/Landowner's Representative that the agreement is void and that responsibility for the management of noxious weeds on the right-of-way will revert to the Weed District unless the Landowner/Landowner's Representative complies with the provisions of the Weed Management Plan within a specified time period as directed by the Board or Board's Representative.

6. The Gallatin County Weed District is not liable for any injuries or losses suffered by the Landowner/Landowner's Representative in managing noxious weeds on the County road right-of-way.
7. The Landowner/Landowner's Representative assumes all responsibility for conspicuously posting and maintaining "land owner maintained" signs provided by the Weed District. Gallatin County will not be held liable for any injuries or losses suffered by the Landowner/Landowner's Representative in areas with missing or improperly posted signs.
8. Noxious Weed Management Plan in form prescribed by the Weed District that shall be effective for three (3) years from the date of approval.