



SANDERS COUNTY

Subdivision Weed Management

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Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Application and Plan

1. The purpose of these regulations is to promote the prevention of noxious weeds and their seeds as a public nuisance under Montana Law. It is unlawful to permit noxious weeds to propagate within a subdivision (MCA 7-22-2101 through 7-22-2153).
2. A Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan can be developed by either the landowner/developer or by the Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office but must be approved by the Sanders County Commissioners. This plan is effective for three (3) years from final plat recordation date and will transfer with ownership to buyers, heirs, and assigns.
3. The Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan will require initial treatment of weeds to be completed during the first suitable growing season with follow-up treatment performed during each succeeding season for the duration of this agreement. **Subdivisions will not receive final approval until the initial treatment of weeds, completion of roads, and ground disturbance restoration has occurred or a Subdivision Improvement Agreement (SIA) has been received.** Landowner/developer must notify the Weed Management Office when projects are completed to facilitate follow-up inspections.
4. A Subdivision Weed Management Application must be submitted within thirty (30) days of preliminary plat approval. Inspection will occur within fourteen (14) days of application submittal unless weather prevents inspection. Inspection prior to final plat submittal must be requested no fewer than fourteen (14) days before final plat is submitted to the Sanders County Land Services Department.
5. Off-season final plat recordings must be submitted with a SIA requiring a monetary guarantee in the amount of 125% of the determined cost of the initial treatment of the noxious weeds present on property. The monetary guarantee will be forfeited after one (1) growing season (season begins April 1 and ends September 30) if landowner is found in non-compliance. Noxious weeds will then be treated by Sanders County Weed District, or its agent, the following growing season with landowner/developer responsible for follow-up treatments for the remainder of this agreement. The monetary guarantee value will be determined by the Sanders County Weed District and approved by the Sanders County Commissioners.
6. The Sanders County Commissioners will approve or reject the plan after:
 - a. An initial review of the Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan,
 - b. The Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office, or its representative, has made an on-site inspection of the subdivision site to verify landowner/developer plan or to devise a county plan.

Inspections will be done only during the noxious weed active growing season, so please plan accordingly.

If the Plan is approved, an approval letter and copy of the Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan will be sent to:

- a. The property owner(s) or applicant,
- b. The Sanders County Land Services Office and
- c. Filed with the final plat.

If the landowner/developer plan is rejected, the applicant has the following options:

- a. The Plan may be revised by the applicant and resubmitted to the Sanders County Commission for review, or
- b. The applicant may request assistance from the Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Office, or its representative, in revising their plan. **Additional fees may apply.**

- 7. The Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office, or its representative, will inspect the proposed subdivision periodically during the three (3) year period, with consideration given to the filed Plan as reference for control and treatment of noxious weed infestations on the subdivision acreage.
- 8. The Sanders County Commissioners and the Sanders County Weed Board consider the Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan process a positive means of continuing awareness and education for landowners to be knowledgeable of, and responsible for, their noxious weed problems. It is the Sanders County Weed Board's desire to persist with effective management of the State and county declared noxious weeds, as stated in the Montana County Noxious Weed Control Act. Noxious weeds will continue to be a problem and will require continued vigilance, even beyond the scope of this agreement.
- 9. Enforcement of this Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan as per Sanders County Subdivision Regulations IV-R Noxious Weeds; IV-A-6 (b)(iii)(E) Governing Body Decision and Documentation - Impact on Natural Environment and Title 7, Chapter 22 of the Montana Code Annotated.

FEE SCHEDULE

Landowner Plan (\$100.00)

County Devised Plan (\$160.00)

Follow-up Fees: 1 to 3 Lots—(\$250.00)

4 to 9 Lots—(\$500.00)

10 or more lots—(\$100.00 per lot)

ALL FEES ARE DUE AT INITIAL FILING AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Fees for county assistance to revise a rejected plan determined on a case by case basis.

Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Application

(Please fill out completely)

Date _____

Subdivision Name _____

Landowner(s) Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Physical Location of Property (Please provide any details useful for identification.)

Legal Description _____ 1/4, Sec _____, Twp _____, R _____ (Please provide documentation)

Number of lots proposed _____

Proposed use of lots (Indicate all that apply)

Residential _____, Industrial _____, Crop _____, Grazing _____, Rangeland _____, Other _____

Please list type of crop(s) as well as what livestock may be used for grazing: _____

Landowner duties and Responsibilities

The Landowner agrees:

1. That the Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office has the right to review, inspect and audit all Applicator's documents and records regarding the performance of work done under this agreement.
2. That the Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office shall be allowed to access property without prior landowner notification for the purposes of surveying to assess noxious weed issues.
3. That Landowner will notify Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office immediately upon treatment of weeds for scheduling an inspection.
4. That the landowner/developer shall, during the duration of this agreement, notify the Sanders County Subdivision Weed Management Office in writing when any lot ownership is transferred, as well as contact information for the new landowners.
5. That this Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Form and Agreement will transfer with ownership to all buyers, heirs, and assignees, and that the landowner shall provide a copy of this Plan to all new landowners.

Sanders County Noxious Weed Management Plan

Subdivision Name: _____ Landowner/Developer: _____

Please check those noxious weeds that are known to exist on the property. Please indicate all that are present along with light, medium, or heavy infestation amount. Please specify major weed infestations on map of property.

Priority 3-Regulated Plants

(NOT MONTANA LISTED NOXIOUS WEEDS)

These regulated plants have the potential to have significant negative impacts. The plant may not be intentionally spread or sold other than as a contaminant in agricultural products. The state recommends research, education, and prevention to minimize the spread of the regulated plant.

Cheat Grass _____ Russian Olive _____ Hydrilla _____

PRIORITY 2B

These weeds are abundant in Montana and widespread in many counties. Management criteria will require eradication or containment where less abundant.

Canada Thistle _____	Yellow/Common Toadflax _____
Field Bindweed _____	St. Johnswort _____
White Top _____	Sulfur Cinquefoil _____
Leafy Spurge _____	Houndstongue _____
Russian Knapweed _____	Common Tansy _____
Spotted Knapweed _____	Oxeye Daisy _____
Diffuse Knapweed _____	Tammerisk (Saltcedar) _____
Dalmation Toadflax _____	

Priority 2A

These weeds are common in isolated areas of Montana. Management criteria will require eradication.

Hoary Alyssum _____	Tall Buttercup _____
Tansy Ragwort _____	Perennial Pepperweed _____
Meadow Hawkweed (Yellow) _____	Yellowflag Iris _____
Orange Hawkweed _____	Blueweed _____

Priority 1B

These weeds have a limited presence in Montana. Management criteria will require eradication or containment and education.

*Weeds marked with an asterisk are found only in isolated areas of Sanders County. If found, please contact local Weed District.

**Weeds marked with two (2) asterisks are found in Noxon Reservoir. If found in other bodies of water, contact Weed District or Avista.

*Dyers Woad _____

*Rush Skeletonweed _____

*Flowering Rush _____

*Scotch Broom _____

Japanese Knotweed _____

**Eurasian Watermilfoil _____

*Purple Loosestrife _____

**Curlyleaf Pondweed _____

Priority 1A

These weeds are not presently known to exist in Montana. Management criteria will require eradication if detected. The state recommends research, education, and prevention to minimize the spread of this noxious weed.

Yellow Starthistle _____

Early detection is easier and cheaper for you.

Knowing your property's terrain, water table, and soil type will aid in your evaluation of the best method to use for weed control. Having a map or drawing of where the weeds are located can prove helpful when weeds are young and actively growing (perfect time for herbicide), but difficult to see.

Attach an appropriate map of your property. Your plan will not be approved without it.

Please include the following features on your map:

1. Weed infestation-Be specific with defining areas where you wish to control weeds.
2. Topographic features-Such as streams, lakes, hills and vegetation (wetlands, wildlife habitat, etc).
3. Buildings, roads, fences, power lines, railroads, and other rights-of-ways.
4. Irrigation canals and ditch systems.
5. Property boundaries.

Maps can be obtained from the County Assessor, Clerk and Recorder, Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service, and Soil Conservation Services. There may be a cost for purchase.

1. Are there any water sources nearby? (Lake, pond, creek, canal, well, etc)_____
2. Is your water table shallow or deep?_____
3. Is there any sensitive vegetation nearby? (Garden, alfalfa, potatoes or orchard)_____
4. What type of soil is present? (Sandy, rocky, clay, etc.)_____
5. Will you be grazing any livestock?_____
6. Number of acres in development?_____ Number of lots?_____

7. What method of weed control/management will be incorporated?

Landscaping_____	Revegetation/Reseeding_____
Mowing_____	Seed Mix/Timing_____
Hand Pulling_____	Grazing (Sheep/Goats)_____
Cultivation_____	Biocontrol (Species)_____
Herbicides (List brand/rate/timing)_____	

Hiring a contractor? Please list contractor's name, phone and promised date of completion._____

8. When will the work begin? (Done annually before weeds flower.)_____

By signing, if found in non-compliance, the Landowner is authorizing Sanders County to implement this Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan either through the Weed Control Department or a commercial applicator with the landowner being responsible for all costs.

The Landowner/Developer will follow the Sanders County Subdivision Noxious Weed Management Plan as agreed to in the proceeding document.

Submitted by:

Landowner(s) Signature(s)

Date

Landowner(s) Printed Name(s)

Sanders County Commission Presiding Officer Signature

Date