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MEMORANDUM

TO: General Public

FROM: Director/Secretary Jeff Witte 

SUBJECT: New Mexico Noxious Weed List Update

Petitions to add new plant species to the state noxious weed list were solicited and received by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) from Cooperative Weed Management Areas, individuals, agencies and organizations. The petitions were reviewed by the New Mexico Weed List Advisory Committee using ecological, distribution, impact, and legal status criteria within the State of New Mexico and adjoining states.

This list does not include every plant species with the potential to negatively impact the state's environment or economy. Landowners and land managers are encouraged to recognize plant species listed on the federal noxious weed list and other western states' noxious weed lists as potentially having negative impacts and to manage them accordingly.

As required by the Noxious Weed Management Act of 1998, the following plant species (*see attached New Mexico Noxious Weed List*) are designated as noxious weeds to be targeted for control or eradication. Thank you to the Cooperative Weed Management Areas, individuals, agencies and organizations who participated in this process.

attachment: New Mexico Noxious Weed List

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New Mexico Noxious Weed List

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Class A Species

Class A species are currently not present in New Mexico or have limited distribution. Preventing new infestations of these species and eradicating existing infestations is the highest priority.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Black henbane	<i>Hyoscyamus niger</i>
Camelthorn	<i>Alhagi psuedalhagi</i>
Canada thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>
Dalmation toadflax	<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>
Diffuse knapweed	<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>
Dyer's woad	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>
Giant salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
Hoary cress	<i>Cardaria spp.</i>
Leafy spurge	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>
Oxeye daisy	<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>
Purple loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>
Purple starthistle	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
Ravenna grass	<i>Saccharum ravennae</i>
Scentless chamomile	<i>Matricaria perforata</i>
Scotch thistle	<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>
Spotted knapweed	<i>Centaurea biebersteinii</i>
Yellow starthistle	<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>
Yellow toadflax	<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>

Class B Species

Class B species are limited to portions of the state. In areas with severe infestations, management should be designed to contain the infestation and stop any further spread.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
African rue	<i>Peganum harmala</i>
Bull thistle	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>
Chicory	<i>Cichorium intybus</i>
Halogeton	<i>Halogeton glomeratus</i>
Malta starthistle	<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>
Perennial pepperweed	<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>
Poison hemlock	<i>Conium maculatum</i>
Quackgrass	<i>Elytrigia repens</i>
Spiny cocklebur	<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
Teasel	<i>Dipsacus fullonum</i>

Class C Species

Class C species are widespread in the state. Management decisions for these species should be determined at the local level, based on feasibility of control and level of infestation.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Cheatgrass	<i>Bromus tectorum</i>
Curlyleaf pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>
Eurasian watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>
Giant cane	<i>Arundo donax</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
Jointed goatgrass	<i>Aegilops cylindrica</i>
Musk thistle	<i>Carduus nutans</i>
Parrotfeather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i>
Russian knapweed	<i>Acroptilon repans</i>
Russian olive	<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>
Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix spp.</i>
Siberian elm	<i>Ulmus pumila</i>
Tree of heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>

Watch List Species

Watch List species are species of concern in the state. These species have the potential to become problematic. More data is needed to determine if these species should be listed. When these species are encountered, please document their location and contact appropriate authorities.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Buffelgrass	<i>Pennisetum ciliaris</i>
Crimson fountaingrass	<i>Pennisetum setaceum</i>
Meadow knapweed	<i>Centaurea pratensis</i>
Myrtle spurge	<i>Euphorbia myrsinites</i>
Pampas grass	<i>Cortaderia sellonana</i>
Yellow bluestem	<i>Bothriochloa ischaemum</i>