

Chris Taggart

From: Kellieann Morris
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:20 PM
To: Dan Huls; jcdeppel@gmail.com; Jeff Burrows; Greg Chilcott; Chris Taggart; Shawn Thorning
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Weed control

Good afternoon Jill,

Thank you for contacting our county commissioners about your concerns of noxious weed treatments that took place on county property on Kurtz lane and I would like to address those. The property at 192 Kurtz lane Hamilton Montana is owned by the county and per state statue Title 7, Chapter 22 Sections 7-22-2101 Through 7-22-2154 the law is clear on the treatments of state and county listed noxious weeds.

This property is treated about every two years. The noxious weeds present are:

Spotted Knapweed

Common Tansy

Canada Thistle

Oxeye daisy

Yellow flag Iris

Hounds tongue

Kochia and more

Most of weeds are coming onto the property from the irrigation canal, therefore the canal banks must be treated to help mitigate the weeds from coming on the property. The majority of these weeds must be treated with herbicides as other methods of control simply do not work. Ravalli County has a very active weed management plan and the county weed department does what it can to follow it.

The Herbicide used on the ditch banks was a product called Aquaneat (EPA Regulations number 22-365). This product is approved to use right in the water, it will only affect plants that are immersed from the water and plants on dry ground. It will not travel in the water system and contaminate anyone else's property. The product is designed to dissipate once it hits the water. So this is the appropriate product to use in this area. We also used Rifle D EPA # 34704-869 and Escort EPA # 432-1549 on the land portion of the county owned property. Again state law 7-22-2116 simply says (1) it is unlawful for any person to permit any noxious weed to propagate or go to seed on the person's land, except that any person who adheres to the noxious weed management program of the person's weed management district or who has entered into and in the compliance with the noxious weed management agreement is considered to be in compliance with section.

I do understand that some folks simply see a person spraying in water and have a bit of a panic episode simply because they are not educated about herbicides. The Ravalli County weed District has trained and educated personal that are very familiar with these products and are trained in using them. We follow all county, state, and federal laws when applying any products. I hope this will ease your mind about our activities.

Please let me know of how I can help and please let me know if you have any further questions.

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FYI
Dan

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I am resident of the Big Sky subdivision, Kurtz and Sapphires. I am a resident on South Sapphire and have lived here for almost 33 years. I learned today that the county department was spraying weed killer right up to the ditch that we have our pets play near and whom many use to water their gardens. I am contacting you to strongly protest this action. First of all, it was an infringement of the Daily Ditches right of way; they control weeds by mowing. Secondly I object to weed killer spray entirely.

I request a direct response to this.
Jill Deppel

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