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Town of Jackson Approves Updates to Noxious Weed Ordinance

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Noxious weeds are ranked second to habitat destruction in the magnitude of the threat they pose according to ecologist, E.O. Wilson. On May 16th, 2006 the Jackson Town Council approved updates to the Noxious Weed Ordinance created in 1965.

The revised ordinance, now in effect, better identifies specific species of weeds including 24 state designated and 15 county declared species. To read the updated Town Ordinance #824 go to www.townofjackson.com.

Many people see noxious weeds as just another wildflower adding to the beauty of their backyards i.e. oxeye daisy, yellow and Dalmatian toadflax, common tansy, purple loosestrife, and saltcedar. One of our goals at Teton County Weed & Pest is to educate the public about noxious weeds. Many landowners don't realize that these weeds can be poisonous to horses and even humans. Noxious weeds also reduce wildlife habitat and plant diversity, recreational opportunities, dry up streams, lower water levels of rivers, and increase stream sedimentation.

Teton County Weed and Pest offers free noxious weed consultations, 50% cost share on herbicides, and loans out spray equipment to help landowners. Please give us a call at 733-8419 or check out our websites at www.tcweed.org or www.jhwma.org to learn more about noxious weeds.