

**From:** [Chance Munns](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** [abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** Opposed noxious weed section 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:22:55 AM

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May 24, 2017

Dear lawmakers,

It is important that I speak up about the issue of listing the yew (*Taxus x...*) as a noxious weed in Idaho. I'm the Assistant Professor of Horticulture at the College of Southern Idaho and attended via conference call, the town hall meeting in Hailey, Id, where I believe this started.

My concern then, and now, is not whether the genus *Taxus* is toxic to wildlife (it is), but why big game animals are browsing on something so usually undesirable compared to what should be available in their typical habitat. Why are we blaming one individual toxic plant for deaths that were more likely caused by something else, such as high snow pack, low foraging options, little property boundaries, etc.

Many other plant species are toxic. Some of those plants are considered native to Idaho, yet animals either choose not to eat them, or eat very little. The yew is not invasive as a plant species. It does not invade properties and is not even found often outside of residential or commercial landscapes. The red arils surrounding the toxic seed of the yew are actually edible and quite good. Elderberries are also delicious in low quantities but deadly in high doses.

Should we start labeling yews as noxious, and under department of agriculture purview to eradicate, we open the door to any other toxic species being given the same fate even if they provide habitat for small animals or shelter for prey or perform other functions that we miss because we're only concerned about toxicity.

I urge you to refrain from entering that world of marking toxic plants as noxious and hope that Idaho fish and game and other biologists are working together to find out why, after years of avoiding them, deer and elk decided now to browse on yew in the Wood River valley.

Respectfully,

Chance Munns  
Assistant Professor, Horticulture  
College of Southern Idaho

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**From:** [Debbie](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:16:39 AM

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To Whom it May Concern;

I certainly am as horrified as the next person when animals are poisoned, but I believe there are things that can be done to help alleviate this problem without banning the Yew entirely. This plant certainly contains toxins, as do hundreds of others, but it has been grown around people and animals for thousands of years. These plants did not just become toxic this year.

Yew's should be noted as toxic in the nurseries and they should be labeled as plants that shouldn't be planted in areas where big game is common. However, there are more areas where large game is not present and the problem of grazing animals is nonexistent.

Rather than destroying established yews in a landscape they can be wrapped with burlap for the winter. This won't harm the plant and protects the game.

According to the rose garden manger, the deer in the Julia Davis Park rose garden walk right by the yews and eat the arborvitae. They know they are poison and ignore them. Only when they are already starving do they eat these plants. This was an unusual winter.

These plants should certainly be allowed to be grown without consequence.

These are a beautiful plant that grows well in our area. To eliminate a plant that is not invasive is not remotely necessary.

Placing these plants on the noxious weed list is a total overreaction to someone's hysterical ranting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Debbie Cook

Certified Arborist, PN-1269A  
Forestry Inspector, City of Boise  
Certified Tree Risk Assessor  
Host D&B Garden Show

**From:** [Gary Moen](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo: abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** Idaho Noxious Weed List  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:35:14 AM

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To Whom it may concern,

Please refrain from including on our Idaho noxious weed list a entire family of plants:  
Taxaceae,

I know it was tragic to lose antelope and elk this past winter. But it doesn't warrant the removal from our landscapes, this wonderful group of plants. To quote Michael A. Dirr author of [The manual of Woody Landscape Plants](#) - "Taxus includes the highest quality needle type evergreens in landscape use".

Also, in the wilds of northern Idaho grows a native species: *Taxus brevifolia*. It provided from its bark a substance called Taxol that was used in cancer research.

The Genus *Taxus*, is highly toxic to people who eat its foliage, chew its seeds, or make a tea from its leaves; This is no reason to artificially place it on the noxious weed list.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this memo.

Gary D. Moen - Emeritus Boise State University, Advanced Instr. of Horticulture

**From:** [dennis fix](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** ban on taxus  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:36:51 AM

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May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Rulemaking Committee,

My name is Dennis Fix, Owner of FarWest Landscape & Garden Center in Boise Id. I am opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

I have issue about the use of a rule that allows for Yews to be put on the Noxious Weed list. I don't believe the Noxious Weed list should be used to promote the agenda of a small band of concerned citizens. Having been on committees with ISDA for compiling Noxious and Invasive plants. We never used the criteria being used by this group to add a plant to the current list. We used criteria like, invasive, will the plant choke out other native species, will the plant cause damage to agriculture, waterways, is the plant in question controllable with chemical, or mechanical means. If these questions were answered in such a way that the plant in question couldn't be controlled or cause such damage by its existence, then the plant could be deemed Noxious or Invasive. I know that in our committee meeting we would never have even considered Taxus to fall into any of those descriptions.

My perception is that a small group of individuals would like to protect our big game using an opening in the Noxious Weed rules. As a big game hunter I am obviously concerned with the loss of 85+ big game animals directly attributed to Yew plants. No one wants to see Deer, Elk and Antelope die from Yews or other factors from a harsh winter. However the issue is not with the Yews but with our Historic cold, harsh winter.

To put this in perspective, the citizens of Idaho lost 85+ big game animals to the winter because of Yews. Idaho Fish and Game is reducing the Tags for Mule deer in Idaho by over 2000 tags for the upcoming hunting season, not because of the 10 or so deer were lost to Yews, but because of winter mortality. The Fawn Mortality from the winter of 2016/2017 is at an 18yr high with Fish and Game estimated at least 50% of all mule deer fawns perished this winter. That Mule Deer loss would be counted in the thousands because of the winter. We all heard about the starvation of our big game animals last year because of lack of winter food and deep snow. We witness hundreds of deer, elk that perished in thin ice on rivers, lakes and reservoirs this winter. Countless big game animals were killed by automobiles because the animals were pushed down and put in harm's way by extreme weather. Idaho Fish and Game statics show that over the past 10 years, there have been almost no Yew related big game fatalities until last year in Blaine county (10) and this year statewide (85).

I hope that by showing how big game in Idaho perished last year was a weather issue not a Yew issue. Once again I feel strongly that using the Noxious Weed list as a vehicle to save big game is not what the rule is designed for. I truly believe that more education, and information to homeowners regarding Yew toxicity is a better approach to preventing big game loss on harsh winters in Idaho.

Respectfully,

Dennis Fix

**From:** [Kevin Allen](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:41:50 AM  
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Dear ISDA:

I'm writing to oppose adding yews (*Taxus*) to Idaho's noxious weed list as it serves an important purpose in ornamental landscapes. It is a versatile, attractive, low-maintenance shrub that performs well in shady areas where other evergreens do not. Banning yews creates undue hardships on property owners & nurseries. Property owners would be burdened with high costs of removal & replacement while nurseries would see revenue losses in tens of thousands of dollars, perhaps more.

This matter is being pushed by peoples' emotional reaction to seeing dozens of big-game animals die from yew poisoning. Though this is very unfortunate, it's important to keep perspective & focus on relative data. Idaho Fish & Game estimated that 101 yew-related deaths of big-game animals occurred in the winter of 2016-2017. Compare it to the [1,500 big-game animals killed on Idaho roadways in winter 2016-2017](#) or the [81,900 deer & elk harvested](#) by hunters in Idaho in 2014. Further consider that record snowfall pushed these animals into populated areas to forage and that such death rates are not common during typical Idaho winters. Statistically, yew-related deaths do not significantly diminish statewide populations nor do they compare to deaths by vehicles or hunting.

Education is the solution. Educate property owners in areas frequented by deer, elk, & other animals. Identify risks & rewards of having yews in a landscape & let the property owners decide. If they so choose to eliminate or replace yews (and many will), the demand will fall & nurseries will decrease their inventories accordingly. This is the most appropriate way of handling the matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Allen



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**From:** [Kecia Carlson](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** [Ann](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:22:18 PM

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**Subject: opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22**

Kecia Carlson, General Manager and Principal Designer of Madeline George Garden Design & Nursery is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

Like all things, education about plants, weeds, pesticides and herbicides is most important, but banning the use of yew in Idaho is completely over-reacting to a situation that has rarely, if ever, occurred. If you were to be able to show significant, ongoing and persistent threats that this plant causes to animals, then I could understand additional actions. Further, other potentially harmful plants like Daphne and Digitalis are not on the noxious weed list and would begin to set a precedent that any plant that is potentially harmful should be on the noxious weed list. I think your efforts would be better spent eliminating cheat grass and medusa head which is far more harmful to wildlife with the significant reduction in grazing habitat and loss of food source. I would support efforts by persons working in the nursery trade to guide and coach consumers on the use of plants for the right places, which we already do.

Thank you.

Kecia Carlson

Kecia Carlson  
Principal Designer & General Manager

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**From:** [Seneca Hull](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:38:58 PM

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ISDA –

I am writing to **oppose** adding Yews (Taxus) to the noxious weed list **in any form**. While the issue of its toxicity, and the results the past winter especially, may make it seem to fit the definition; I truly believe this was never the intent of the noxious weeds laws. This is a propagated plant in this area and is not at all invasive species. I believe there should be education through state associations and national associations, and I will make sure our company does a better job of educating our employees and our customers. No one wants to see unneeded animal deaths, but there are many things that should be done before putting it on the noxious weed list. Fish and Game should be the ones to deal with this, and if ISDA has anything to do with it I believe it could be that nursery inspectors are checking to see if proper signage is posted with Yew plants. Listing it on the noxious weed list in any way will diminish our rights to be able to garden as we please, as well as bring unneeded costs to many state agencies and also property owners.

Sincerely,  
Seneca Hull

Seneca Hull  
President  
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**From:** [Kayla Fehringer](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** [abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:33:15 PM

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***Kayla Fehringer, Franz Witte Landscape Contracting, Inc., is opposed to have Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.***

I am writing in **opposition** of adding Taxus to the Idaho Noxious Weed list. I am aware of what happened with the wildlife this winter but I do not believe that putting yews on the noxious weed list is the answer. There are other ways to solve the problem, from increasing education on the issue to taking additional precautions next winter.

If you add yews to the noxious weed list you are eliminating a very useful and low-maintenance evergreen shrub that does well in this area and is widely used in residential and commercial landscapes.

Please, **DO NOT** add Taxus to Idaho's Noxious Weed List.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Kayla Fehringer  
*Marketing Assistant*  
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**From:** [Nicki Leatham](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Noxious weed opposition  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:04:24 PM

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Nicki Leatham, Idaho Irrigation Supply - dba: Pipeco, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho...

Nicki Leatham  
Pipeco

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Brian Jorgenson](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed to Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:27:53 AM  
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[image002.jpg](#)

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Brian Jorgenson, City Forester, City of Boise, Idaho. I am opposed to having Taxus species (yews) on the Noxious Weed List in Idaho. This is an overreaction to the events of the last year. There are many other plants more deserving of being on the Noxious Weed List. Thank you.



### **Brian Jorgenson**

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**From:** [Eric Celmer](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** noxious weeds list  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:46:29 AM

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*Eric Celmer with Willow Creek Wholesale Nursery* is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho

**Eric Celmer**

Willow Creek Wholesale Nursery

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**From:** [Kurt Eidam](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noixes weed rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:11:51 AM

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I oppose that the yew (Taxus) will NOT be added to your noxious weeds list. We have been in the horticulture and landscaping business for 35 years., and oppose 02.06.22

*Kurt Eidam*

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**From:** [Beni Cook](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** ["Ann Bates "](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed noxious weed 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:16:41 AM

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Beni Cook and Terry Cook of Cloverdale Nursery are opposed to having taxes yews on the noxious weed list in Idaho.

**From:** [Heather Smith](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.022  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:51:40 AM

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Heather Smith, Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

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Heather Smith  
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Twin Falls County Parks & Waterways  
Twin Falls County Noxious Weed Bureau  
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**From:** [Rex Andersen](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:24:41 AM

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Rex Andersen, Town & Country Gardens, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

Rex Andersen  
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**From:** [Ed H](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:07:09 PM

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Ed Hubbard from Jayker Re-Wholesale Nursery is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

**From:** [Scott Timson](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** [abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:10:56 PM

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Scott Timson, City of Boise Parks and Rec is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

**From:** [Debbie Hepworth](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.26.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:11:19 PM  
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Debbie Hepworth, Jayker Re-Wholesale Nursery, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.



Debbie Hepworth  
Sales Supervisor  
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**From:** [Madeline Lundgren](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:17:00 AM  
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Madeline Lundgren, with Jayker Nursery, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

**Madeline Lundgren**

AAS Horticulture, CNP

Jayker



**From:** [Rick Novacek](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:44:30 AM

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We are opposed to the Taxus being placed on the noxious weed list.

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*Rick Novacek, Director  
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways  
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**From:** [Matt Perkins](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:41:35 AM  
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Matthew Perkins, with City of Boise Parks and Recreation Boise Community Forestry is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Matthew Perkins



Matt Perkins  
Community Forestry Spec  
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**From:** [Jordan Risch](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:21:49 AM

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*Jordan Roach IN LA member, Sage Meadows Landscape*, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho. It would set a VERY bad precedent. Education would be far cheaper.

**From:** [ashley crook](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#); [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:30:54 PM

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Ashley Taylor, FarWest Garden Landscape & Garden Center, is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

**Ashley Taylor**  
Landscape Designer  
FarWest Landscape & Garden Center

**From:** [Kevin](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** : opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:47:00 AM

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**From:** [Toll, Jerry](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** ["abates@inlagrow.org"](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 2:53:10 PM

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To Whom it may Concern:

Jerry Toll with Brigham Young University Idaho Horticulture is opposed adding Taxus to Noxious Weed List of Idaho

Jerry Toll  
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**From:** [R&D Wholesale Nursery](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:29:23 AM

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Richard Vest, David Vest, and R Barry Vest of R&D Wholesale Nursery in Idaho Falls, ID is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

**From:** [Carol and Greg Cole](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:13:41 AM

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Carol and Greg Cole, Carol's Custom Gardens, are opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho

**From:** [A Beautiful View](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSED: Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7:20:04 AM

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Johnna and Jaime Vejar of A Beautiful View Lawn and Landscaping, LLC are opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List for the state of Idaho.

Thank you for hearing our opinion.

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**A Beautiful View Lawn and Landscaping, LLC**  
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**From:** [Terri Lee](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Cc:** [abates@inlagrow.org](mailto:abates@inlagrow.org)  
**Subject:** Subject: opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:03:02 AM  
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[image002.png](#)

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*Jerry Merrill, Steve Winegar , Merrill Quality Landscapes , is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.*

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**From:** [mary.hartman](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Taxus Yews  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:47:20 AM

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Charlie and Mary Hartman are opposed to having Taxus Yews on the noxious weed list of Idaho.

**From:** [Nicolette Williams](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Taxus yews  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:04:53 PM

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Sent from my iPad

>  
> Hi,  
>  
> My name is Nicolette Williams. I have lived in Boise for 53 years and am an Idaho native, a rare breed these days. I am an advocate for wildlife, yet also plants. I am opposed to placing Taxus yews on the noxious weed list. In the right place and setting, they are a wonderful plant and pose no harm.  
>  
> We must educate people about yews and other potentially harmful toxic plants. If we eliminated every species of tree that was harmful to humans and animals, we would have a very bare planet indeed!  
>  
> Respectfully,  
>  
> Nicolette Williams  
> Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Kevin Merrifield](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Yews and noxious weed list  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 12:15:32 PM

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I strongly oppose yews being added to the noxious weed list. There are many areas where they are not a problem for big game throughout idaho. To add a species to a list state wide ban, would not be fair or justified. Perhaps if it is a problem with big game, which I really doubt that it's decreasing game by much, certain areas of idaho at the county level should take action, not at the state level. Thanks,

Kevin Merrifield  
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**From:** [shelly\\_morrison](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Yews in Idaho  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:16:48 AM

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I oppose the Noxious Weed Rule 02.06.22 placing Taxus yews placed on the Idaho noxious Weed list.

**From:** [Jen Novak](#)  
**To:** [Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Yews Noxious weed listed  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 3:05:24 PM

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I am OPPOSED to adding Yews to the noxious weed list.

Jen Novak

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**From:** [Organic Solutions](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Yews  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 11:26:05 AM  
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To Whom it may concern,

I am a landscaper in the state of Idaho, and I believe it would be very inappropriate to exclude all Yew plants from all landscaping due to their toxicity to animals that are not in all landscapes. I would agree to exclude the Yews from landscapes that are in the areas where the animals are present, it should be a balanced approach, not a knee jerk reaction.

**Respectfully,**

**Mike Joelson**  
**208-884-8986**

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**From:** [Jeff Lightbody](#)  
**To:** [\\_Rulesinfo](#)  
**Subject:** Yews  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:38:42 AM

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I am absolutely opposed to the ban on Yews in the state of Idaho

**From:** Mr william jacobs [wljacobs2000@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** Idaho yew ban

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the ban on yews that is being considered. The scope of the ban vs the negative impact of this plant is an over reaction top a problem that doers not exist. My understanding is only 100 animals have been confirmed as dying from the plant in a historically bad winter. It is not a problem plant that is currently used in thousands of landscapes. let's not over react to what really is a one time event.

Bill Jacobs

**From:** MARIANNE NELSON [muktuk@cableone.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:05 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** ISDA rulemaking Taxus Yew

Marianne Nelson

I am opposed to putting the Taxus Yew on the noxious weed list of Idaho

**From:** Rick C. [plantsman48@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:55 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** OPPOSE YEWS

To whom it may concern, I oppose the banning of yew plants. where I live (upper bench, Boise) there aren't any animals. NOt a single deer. It's a wonderful plant for growing in the shade. Sounds like a deer problem more than a yew problem. Thank You, Rick

**From:** William Habblett [xericplantgeek@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22

I, William Habblett, owner of Harmony Landscape and Design, llc is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

Thank you,

William

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William Habblett

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**From:** Rob McChrystal [rmcchrystal@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:32 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** Opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22

I do not support the ban of yews statewide based on an incident from this wild winter and the crusade of a deeply misguided activist.

Rob McChrystal  
Garden City, ID

**From:** Aaron K. McCracken [akm@sunnysidegardens.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 5:52 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Cc:** abates@inlagrow.org  
**Subject:** opposed Noxious Weed Rules 02.06.22

*Aaron McCracken, Sunnyside Gardens, Idaho Falls,* is opposed to having Taxus yews on the Noxious Weed List of Idaho.

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**From:** Mikel Kyle [mikelkyle@mycwi.cc] on behalf of mikel@lucke13landscape.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 6:46 PM  
**To:** \_Rulesinfo  
**Subject:** Opposition to Taxus yews placed on noxious weed list.

To Whom it may concern: I am a horticulturist and own a landscape/maintenance company here in Boise and I am very much against the placing of the yew shrubs on the noxious weed list. This is a much too drastic reaction to a problem that is located in a very small area of the valley and should be handled by landscape and nursery professionals in the industry and not be restricted by a state agency.

**Thanks,**  
**Mikel Kyle, Operations Manager/Horticulturist/CNP**  
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