



Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area

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Regarding: Negotiated Rule Making 02.06.22 – Noxious Weed Rules, Docket #02-0522-17xx

Dear Mr. Oakey,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter. Please note that any listing of a plant to the Noxious Weed List puts additional burden on noxious weed managers across the state.

The Inland Empire Cooperative Weed Management Area (IECWMA) is opposed to the listing of yew species to the Idaho State Noxious Weed List. We feel that educational efforts by Idaho State Department of Agriculture and proper labeling by the Greenhouse – Landscaping Industry would be more effective than a listing. We believe that addressing the issue of planting yews in wildlife areas on a county by county basis would achieve better results.

The many weed management areas across the state could be enlisted to help educate and inform the public. We offer information about toxic plants at all of our educational outreaches.

Sincerely,

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