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Deputy Director Brian Oakey
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Dear Brian Oakey,

It has come to my attention that the Department is looking into regulations regarding the poisonous plant, Japanese Yew. As a long time resident of the Treasure Valley and one who values our wildlife, I strongly urge you to support regulations that make it illegal to market this dangerous plant. You are aware of the wildlife deaths it has caused--not just this last winter, but for a number of years in the past. The problem will continue into the future if planting and selling of this noxious plant is not stopped. I sincerely hope that it will be determined that Japanese Yew is indeed a harmful nuisance and that steps will be taken to have it removed, especially in areas bordering wildlife habitat.

As the owner of a small nursery business myself, I find it unconscionable that some nurseries continue to market this plant. I think it is important to note that the Yew is poisonous to people as well as to wildlife. I hope your department will take immediate and strong action to stop sale of the plant.

Thank you for your attention to this problem,
Diane M Jones