



# ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## AGENDA COMMUNICATION FORM

ITEM DATE: 01/07/2020	ITEM TIME:

<b>FROM:</b>	Noxious Weed Program- Greg Brown and Tiffany Carlson
<b>TODAY'S DATE:</b>	12/12/2019
<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Updating Routt County's weed management plans noxious weed list

**CHECK ONE THAT APPLIES TO YOUR ITEM:**

**ACTION ITEM**

**DIRECTION**

**INFORMATION**

**I. DESCRIBE THE REQUEST OR ISSUE:**

See V. (Background)

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION (*motion*):**

Consideration to approve revisions to the current Routt County weed management plans noxious weeds list. The proposed revision includes the addition of three invasive weeds that will create negative impacts to our landscapes if not monitored and controlled.

**III. DESCRIBE FISCAL IMPACTS (VARIATION TO BUDGET):**

**PROPOSED REVENUE (*if applicable*):** None

**CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT:**

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURE:** No expenditures are expected

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

**SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET NEEDED:** YES  NO

**IV. IMPACTS OF A REGIONAL NATURE OR ON OTHER JURISDICTIONS (IDENTIFY ANY COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS ITEM):**



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**V. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Routt County Weed Program, along with the approval of the Weed Board, would like to motion a revision to our current Routt County weed management plans designated noxious weeds list. We would like to include the addition of curly dock (*Rumex crispus*) and common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) to the current 13 weeds, and additionally, would like to add bulbous bluegrass (*Poa bulbosa*) as a species of concern. Bulbous bluegrass will have a separate designation as a species of concern because there currently are no known feasibly acceptable treatments for this species.

**VI. LEGAL ISSUES:**

Per Colorado Revised Statutes 2017 Title 35- Agriculture  
Article 4- Pest Control Act  
35-4-103. Administration. (1) "The commissioner shall administer this article. A board of county commissioners shall concurrently administer this article and shall have full authority for the proper enforcement thereof by county pest inspectors employed by said board of county commissioners."  
Article 5.5- Colorado Noxious Weed Act  
35-5.5-108. (2.1) "The commissioner shall review and revise, as necessary, the state noxious weed list at least once every three years."

**VII. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

Neglecting to add these species to our noxious weeds list for future monitoring and mitigation may result in environmental impacts. Some impacts may include displaced native vegetation, reduced forage for livestock and wildlife, property degradation and impacts to water and riparian areas.

**VIII. SUMMARY AND OTHER OPTIONS:**



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**IX. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS:**

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