



**Forestry and Trust Land Division  
2026-2027 Yellowstone County  
Weed Control Agreement**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered by and between the State of Montana, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (hereinafter referred to as "the State"), whose address and phone number are 1371 Rintop Drive, Billings MT 59105, (406)247-4400, Yellowstone County Weed District (County), whose address and phone number are 3319 King Ave East, Billings, MT 59101, (406)256-2731.

**EFFECTIVE DATE, DURATION, AND RENEWAL**

The agreement's initial term is upon execution, through December 31, 2027, unless terminated earlier as provided in this agreement. This agreement is to be updated on the biennium.

**GOALS**

The general goal of this agreement is to coordinate noxious weed management activities on State Trust Lands between the State and the County. Specifically, the identification of State and County listed noxious weeds that require involvement from the State and County. Additionally, the state trust lands treated by the County under this agreement will be reported to the Montana Department of Agriculture to satisfy the biennial reporting requirements.

**SERVICES AND/OR SUPPLIES**

**Weed Control Activities**

Provide the State with the following weed control activities:

**Tracts**

The following tracts have been identified by the State as meeting criteria for weed control by the County as outlined in the DNRC Trust Land Weed Management Plan. Scotch thistle, Puncturevine, Common teasel, Common mullein, Poison hemlock, Purple mustard, Leafy Spurge, houndstongue, Russian knapweed, whitetop, Canada thistle, dalmatian toadflax, and spotted knapweed are identified for containment and/or eradication on the following State Trust Lands:

Tract/Lease	Proposed Action	Acres	Weed Species	Details	Allocated Budget	Comments
AG#8334, T2NR26E36 (Project #1)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST, LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of Project I	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#8115, TISR25E36 (Project #1)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST, LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of Project I	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#5922, T3N27E36 (Project#1)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST, LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of Project I	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#2352, T1NR26E18 (Project #1)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST, LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of Project I	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#8352, T1NR25E22  (Project# 1)	Chemical	See Comment s	EUES, CEST,  LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of  Project I	At county coordinator  discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#2210, T4NR23E16 (Project #1)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST, LEDR, RHRE, CIAR, CYOF	Apart of Project I	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 80 acres in size
AG#4830, T2N28E5 (Project #2)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST	Apart of Project 2	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 70 acres in size
AG#4830, T3NR28E32 (Project #2)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, CEST	Apart of Project 2	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 70 acres in size
AG#1252,	Chemical	See	CEST,	Apart	At county	Accumulative

T7NR30E13 (Project #3)		Comments	LIDA	of Project 3	coordinator discretion	project adding up to 100 acres in size
AG#10799, T7NR31E36 (Project #3)	Chemical	See Comments	CEST, LIDA	Apart of Project 3	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 100 acres in size
AG#7777, TISR24E8 (Project #4)	Chemical	See Comments	RHRE	Apart of Project 4	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 50 acres in size
AG#5002 TISR24E16 (Project #4)	Chemical	See Comments	RHRE	Apart of Project 4	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 50 acres in size
AG#10520 T1NR25E14 (Project #5)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, ONAC	Apart of Project 5	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 85 acres in size
AG#10520 T1NR25E12 (Project #5)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, ONAC	Apart of Project 5	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 85 acres in size
AG#10520 T1NR25E22 (Project #5)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, ONAC	Apart of Project 5	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 85 acres in size
AG#10520 T1NR25E16 (Project #5)	Chemical	See Comments	EUES, ONAC	Apart of Project 5	At county coordinator discretion	Accumulative project adding up to 85 acres in size

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**PAYMENT**

In consideration of the noxious weed management services to be provided, the State shall pay the County according to the following schedule: The State shall pay the agreement in full upon receipt of an invoice for \$3,500.00 from the County for noxious weed management services.

In No case shall the State's total cumulative payment under this agreement exceed

**THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED dollars and No/100 (\$3,500.00).**

**Payment Terms**

Unless otherwise noted in the solicitation document, the State has thirty (30) days to pay invoices, as allowed by 17-8-242, MCA. The County shall provide banking information at the time of agreement execution to facilitate the State's electronic funds transfer payments.

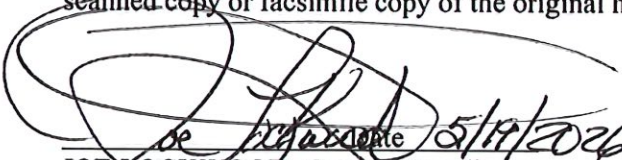
**ACCESS AND RETENTION OF RECORDS**

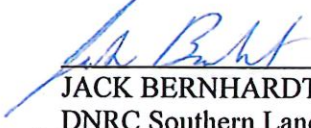
The County shall provide the State, Legislative Auditor, or their authorized agents access to any records necessary to determine agreement compliance. The State may terminate this agreement under section 20, Agreement Termination, without incurring liability, for the County's refusal to allow access as required by this section. (18-1-118, MCA.)

The County shall create and retain all records documenting the weed control activities for a period of eight years after either the completion date of this agreement or termination of the agreement.

**EXECUTION**

The parties through their authorized agents have executed this agreement on the dates set out below. A scanned copy or facsimile copy of the original has the same force and effect as the original document.

  
Date 5/19/2026  
JOE LOCKWOOD- County Coordinator  
Yellowstone County Weed District

  
Date 05-15-2026  
JACK BERNHARDT- Land Use Specialist  
DNRC Southern Land Office