



KOOTENAI COUNTY

NOXIOUS WEED ADVISORY BOARD

Kootenai County
Noxious Weed Advisory Board
Regular Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

April 30, 2025

Members Present: Kelly Hanson, Chairman; Tamara Bateson, Laurin Scarcello, Travis Leavitt, Don Bradway

Members Absent: Jack Zimmer

Staff Present: Nick Snyder, Director; Chris Adam, Weed Superintendent; Sarah Clafin, Administrative Secretary

I. **Call to order:**

Chairman Kelly Hanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. **Election of Officers (Action):**

Don Bradway nominated himself. Laurin Scarcello seconded the nomination. All in favor. Nomination passed.

Laurin Scarcello nominated Tamara Bateson. Don Bradway seconded the nomination. All in favor. Nomination passed.

III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Action):**

Don Bradway moved to approve October 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Tamara Bateson seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

IV. **Staff Reports (Discussion)**

A. **Noxious Weed Superintendent, Chris Adam - 2024 Season Report**

Chris Adam presented an overview of the Noxious Weed Departments Program and Approach as well as last years weed season. He concluded with asking for questions which evolved and covered the scheduled Leafy Spurge discussion.

V. **Old Business - Leafy Spurge (Discussion): Laurin Scarcello**

VI. **New Business - None**

VII. **Public Comment (Discussion)**

There was much discussion on the County's growth and the need for more public education with multiple paths of education needed. It was suggested that maybe a packet could be given to new home owners, voters and new driver's license recipients via title companies, DMV or the elections office. The Board would like to hold the Spring meeting in February or March next year. Director Snyder reminded the Board that they serve the BOCC and ideas/recommendations from the NWAB should be taken before the BOCC.

IX. **Adjournment (Action):**

Travis Leavitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Bradway seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed at 10:24 a.m.

Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control



Noxious Weed Law

- 22-2405 – County Duties
- 22-2406 – County Powers
- 22-2407 – Landowner Duties
 - (1) It shall be the duty and responsibility of all landowners to control noxious weeds on their land and property, in accordance with this chapter and with rules promulgated by the director.
 - (2) The cost of controlling noxious weeds shall be the obligation of the landowner.

Department Functions

Per Idaho Code (22-2405):

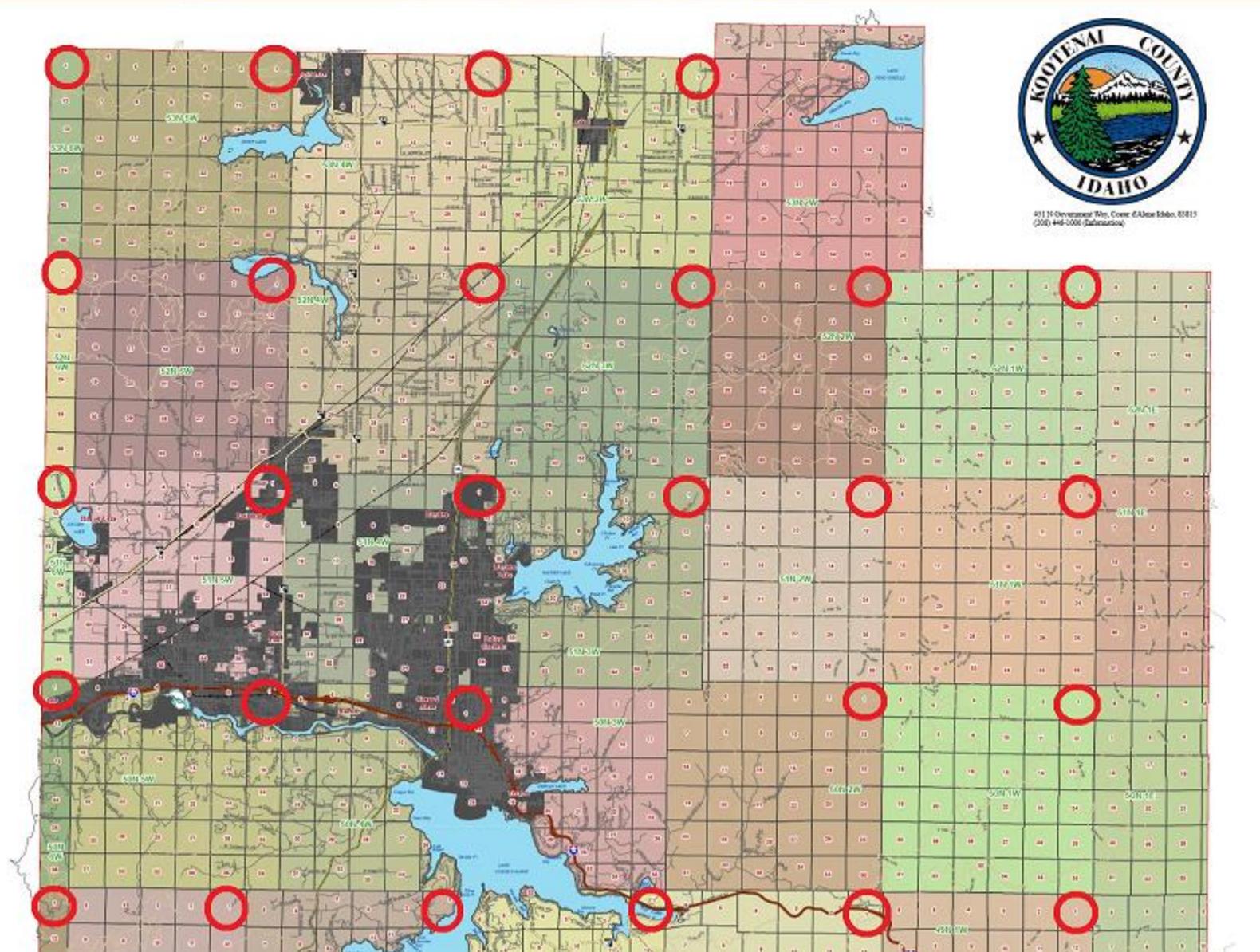
- General Notice - Newspaper
- Inspect All Lands Within the County
- Map Infestations
- Report Data to ISDA
- Educate Landowners/Public
- Enforce in Extreme Cases
- Aid in Investigation and Prosecution of Noxious Weed Violations.

Program Focus:

- Site Inspections (Inspect, Educate, Map, Report)
- Equipment Loan Out
- Bio-Control Releases
- Weed Control on County Owned Properties

Site Inspections

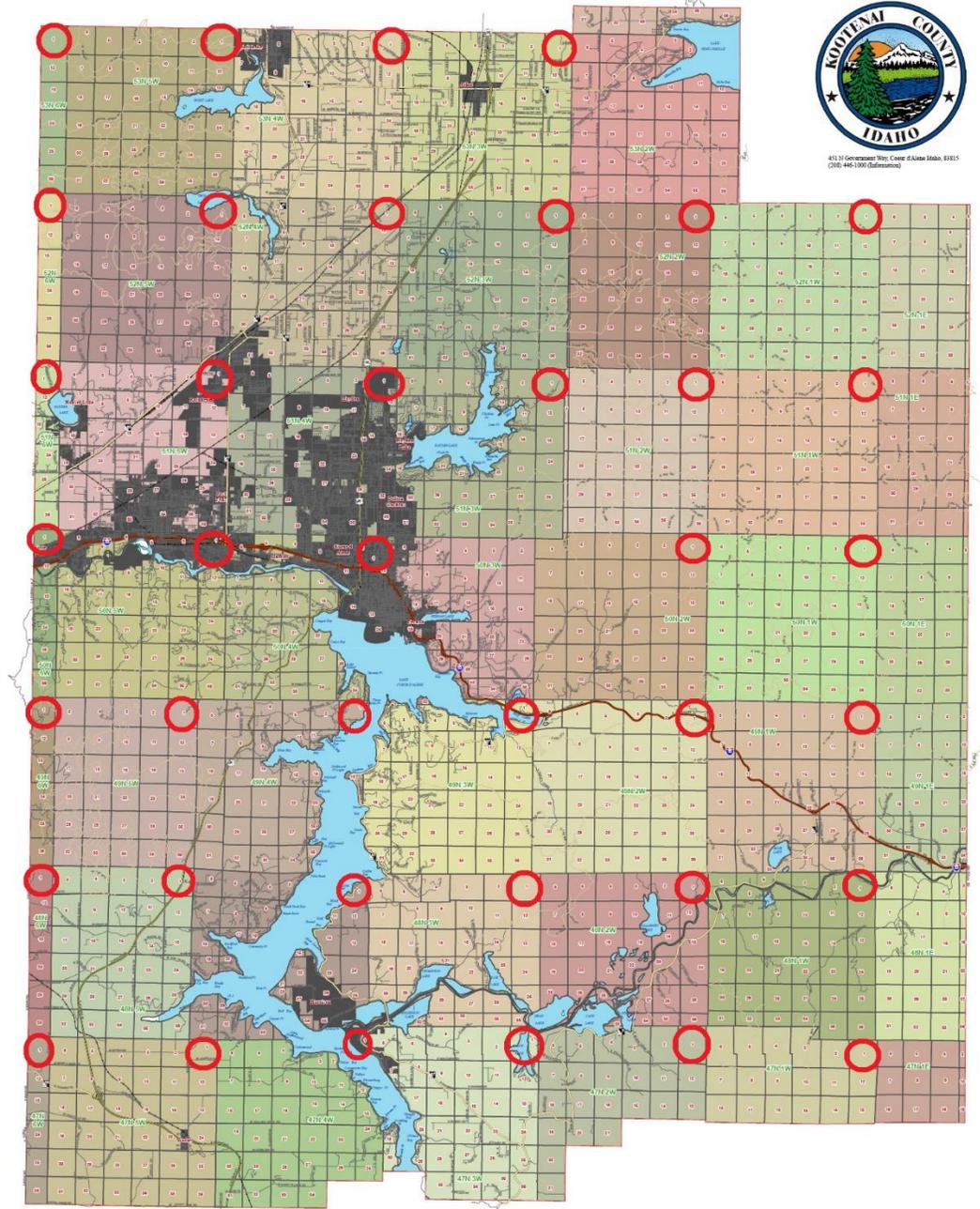
Kootenai County Noxious Weeds Township/Range/Section



Kootenai County Noxious Weeds Township/Range/Section



413 S Government Way, Coeur d'Alene Idaho, 83815
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Map Symbols

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- Township Lines
- Water
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- Power Lines
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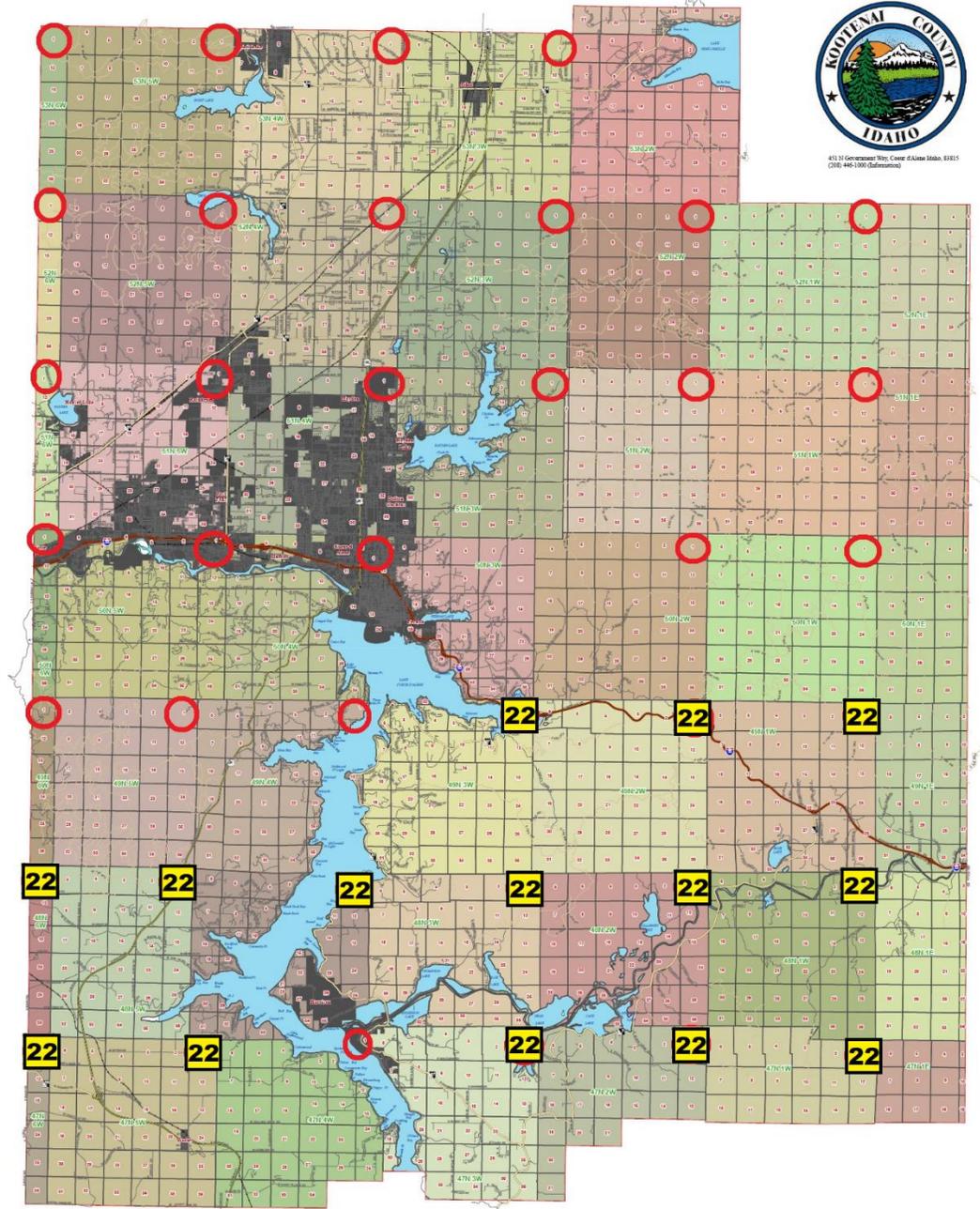


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Section Color Key

Light Green	Section 22
Light Yellow	Section 23
Light Orange	Section 24
Light Red	Section 25
Light Purple	Section 26
Light Blue	Section 27
Light Brown	Section 28
Light Grey	Section 29
Light Black	Section 30

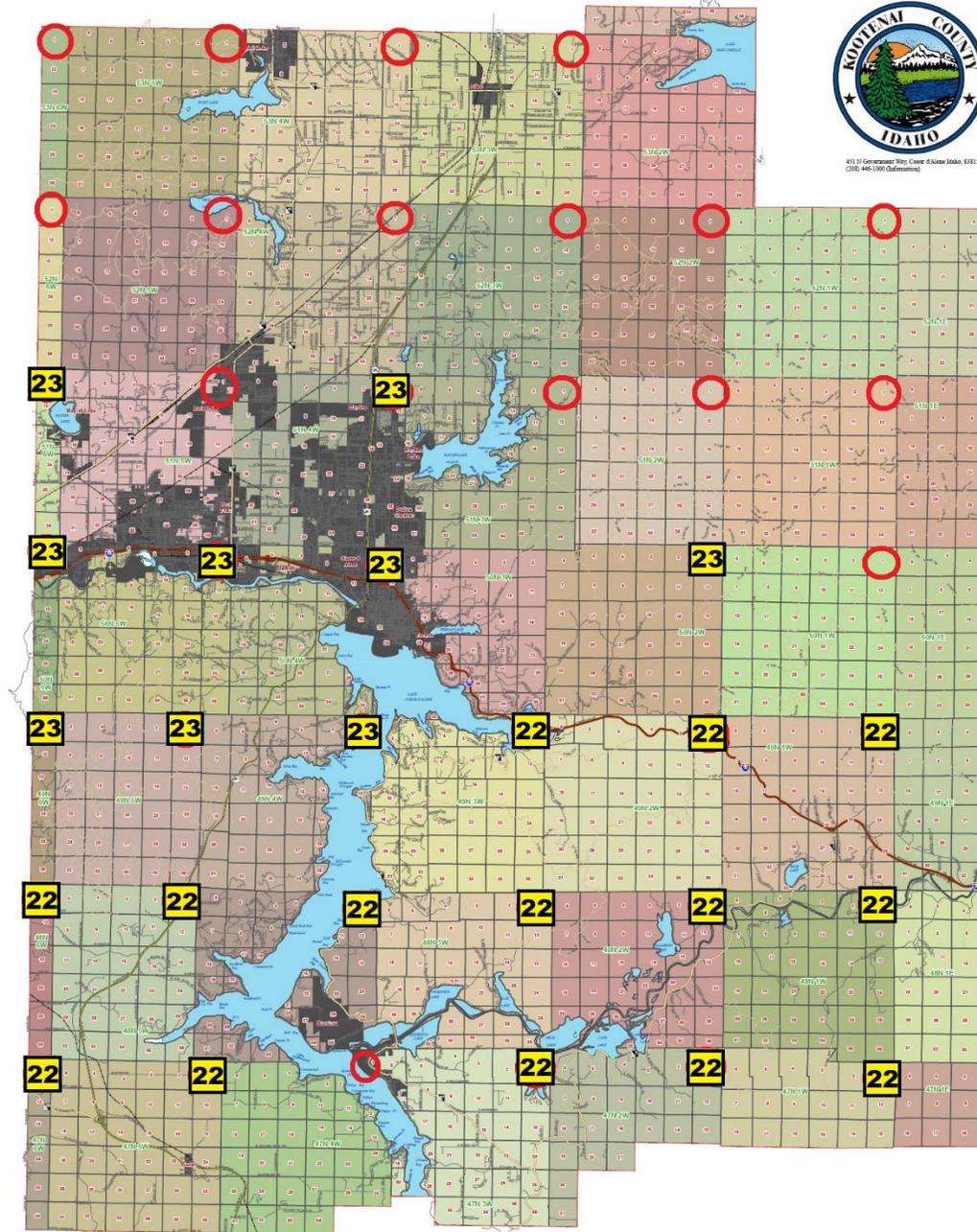


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Grey Square	Section Corner
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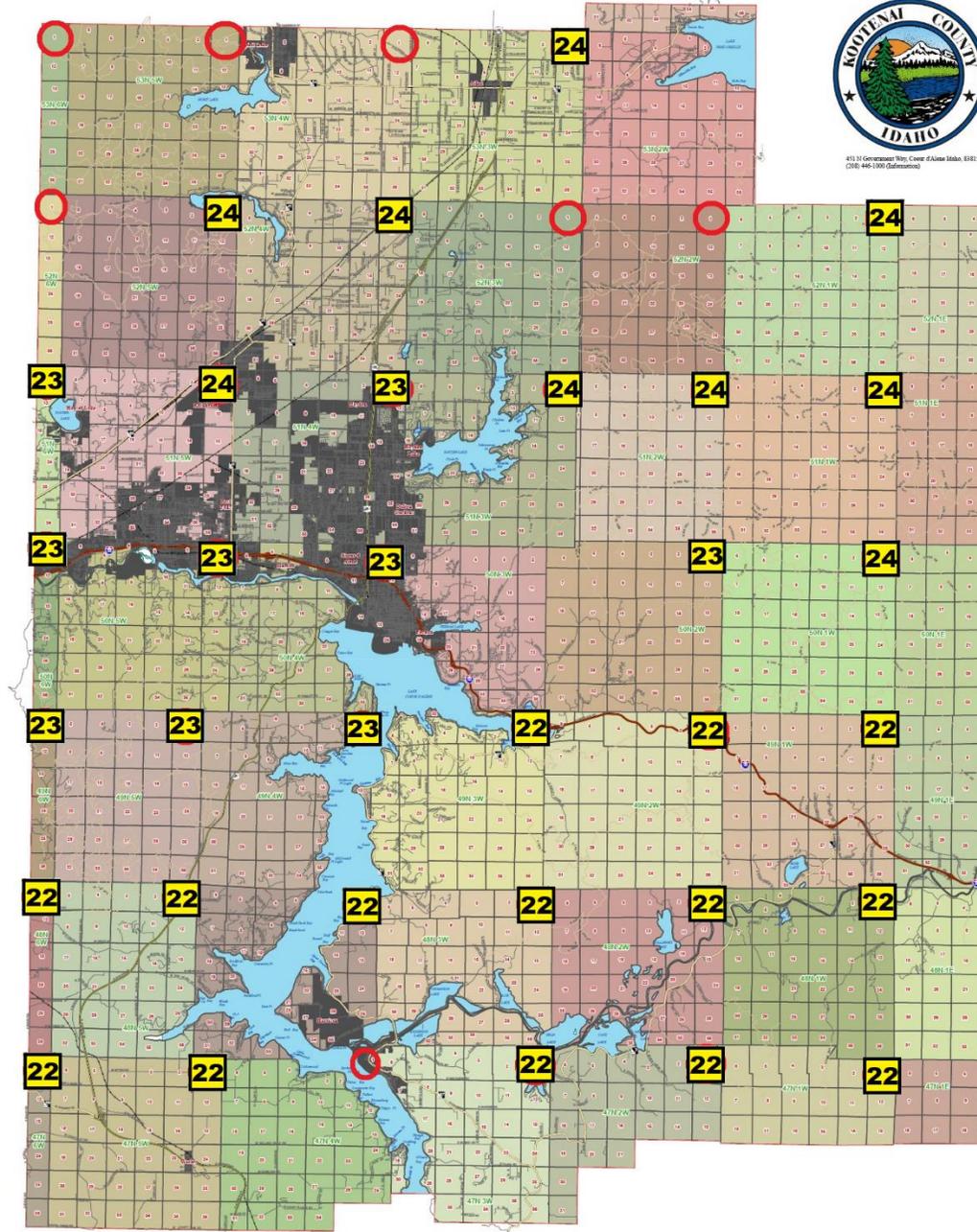


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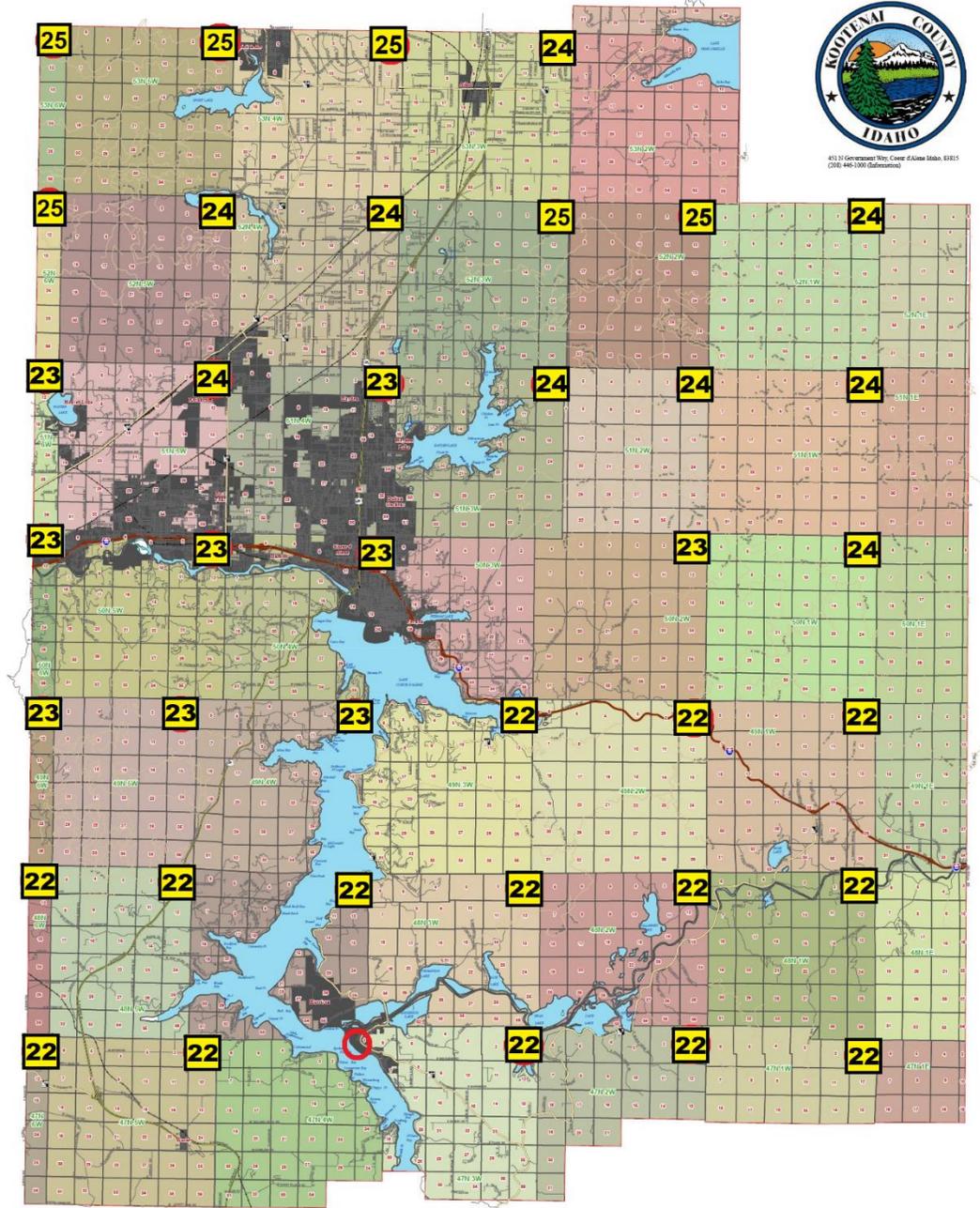


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- Range
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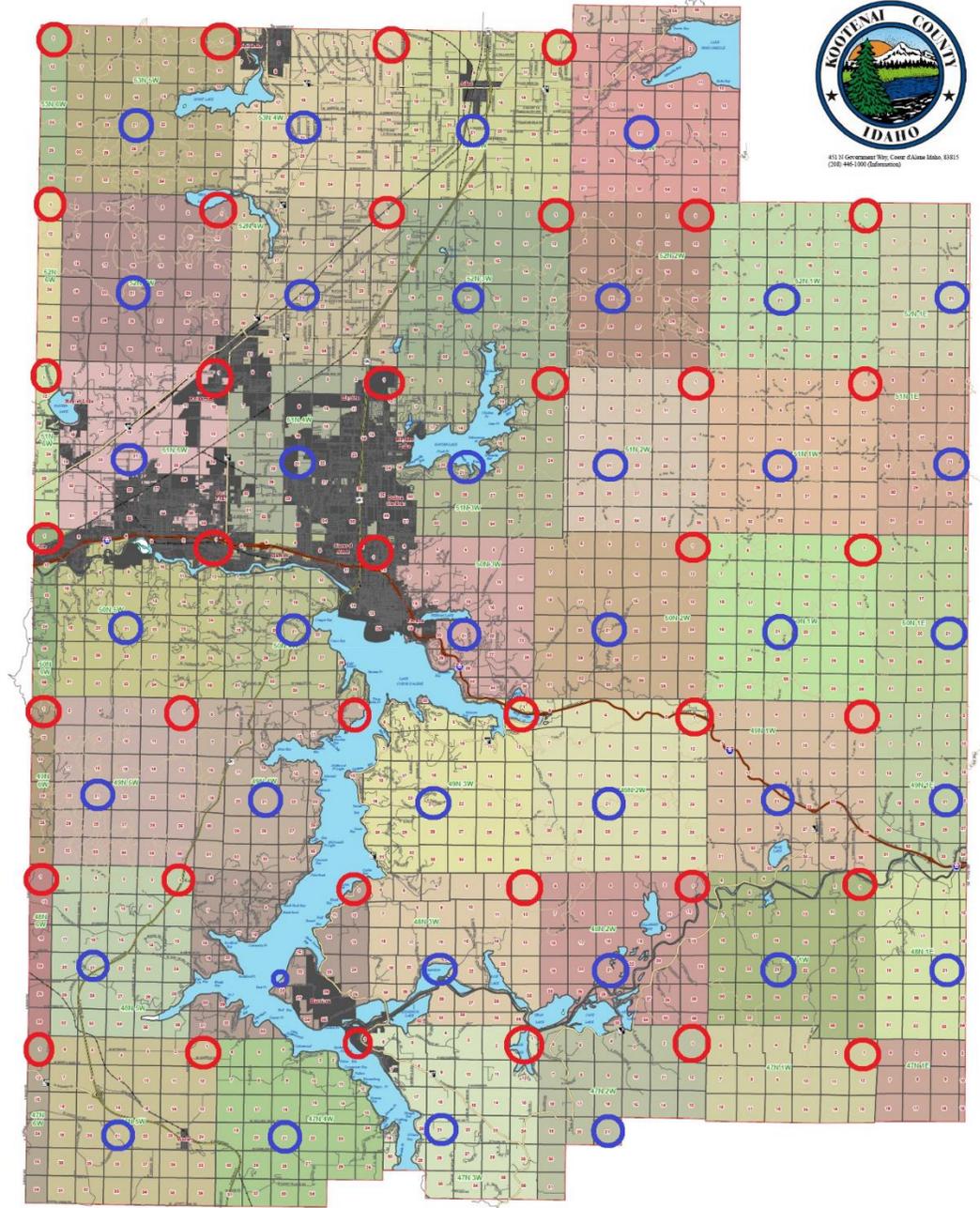
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TERRESTRIAL PLANTS

REPORT NOXIOUS WEEDS/INVASIVE PLANTS, CONTACT:

Idaho Association of Weed Superintendents

University of Idaho Extension Office

Idaho has **71** weed species and **4** genera designated noxious by state law – **54** of these species are terrestrial.

CATEGORIES:

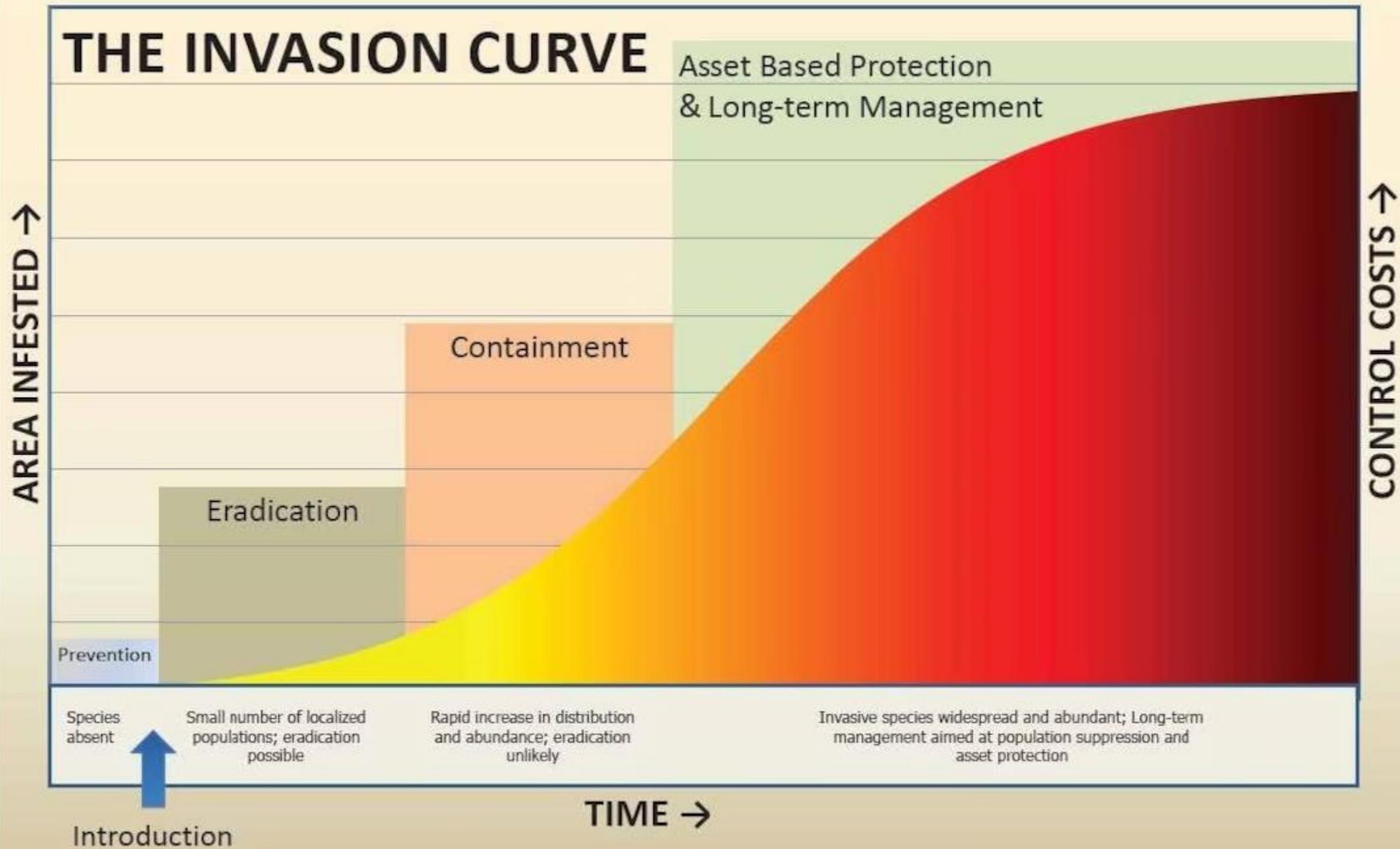
Statewide Prohibited Genera– All plants, plant parts, and subtaxa of listed genera are prohibited in Idaho.

Early Detection Rapid Response– (EDRR) Weeds shall be eradicated during the same growing season as identified.

Control– Concentration of weeds where control and/or eradication may be possible.

Containment– Reduce or eliminate new or expanding weed populations.

THE INVASION CURVE





MEET COGONGRASS, THE FIRE-LOVING, STABBY DEMON PLANT INVADING ALABAMA

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EDRR – Cogon Grass



A field of cogongrass is pretty to look at, but dangerous to have on your property.

Botanists find one of ‘the world’s worst weeds’ spreading in the Boise foothills

Cogongrass is the latest of a fast-growing number of invasive plants threatening Idaho’s fire-prone rangelands.

Sarah Trent August 9, 2022



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In early May, invasive plant specialists in Idaho received a surprising and ominous report: Retired botanist Barbara Ertter had spotted a [small but spreading patch](#) of what the U.S. Department of Agriculture calls one of “the world’s worst invasive weeds” growing in Boise. She sent the details to a second local botanist, Ann DeBolt, who confirmed: Cogongrass, a perennial grass native to parts of East Africa and Asia, was growing along the roadside in a foothills subdivision.



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EDRR – Cogon Grass

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COGON GRASS (EDRR TEMPORARY LISTING)

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PLANTS, CONTACT:

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Summary of Invasiveness

- Cogon Grass inhabits sites of soil disturbance such as roadsides, mining sites, borrow pits.
- It is capable of invading moist to dry upland pine sites.
- It forms monoculture fields by secreting substance to suppress other plants ability to grow.
- Ranked as the seventh worst weed in the world by USDA-APHIS in 2003.
- Flammable oils in this grass increase the intensity and severity of fires and lead to higher overstory tree mortality.



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Cornell Farm



Japanese Blood Grass
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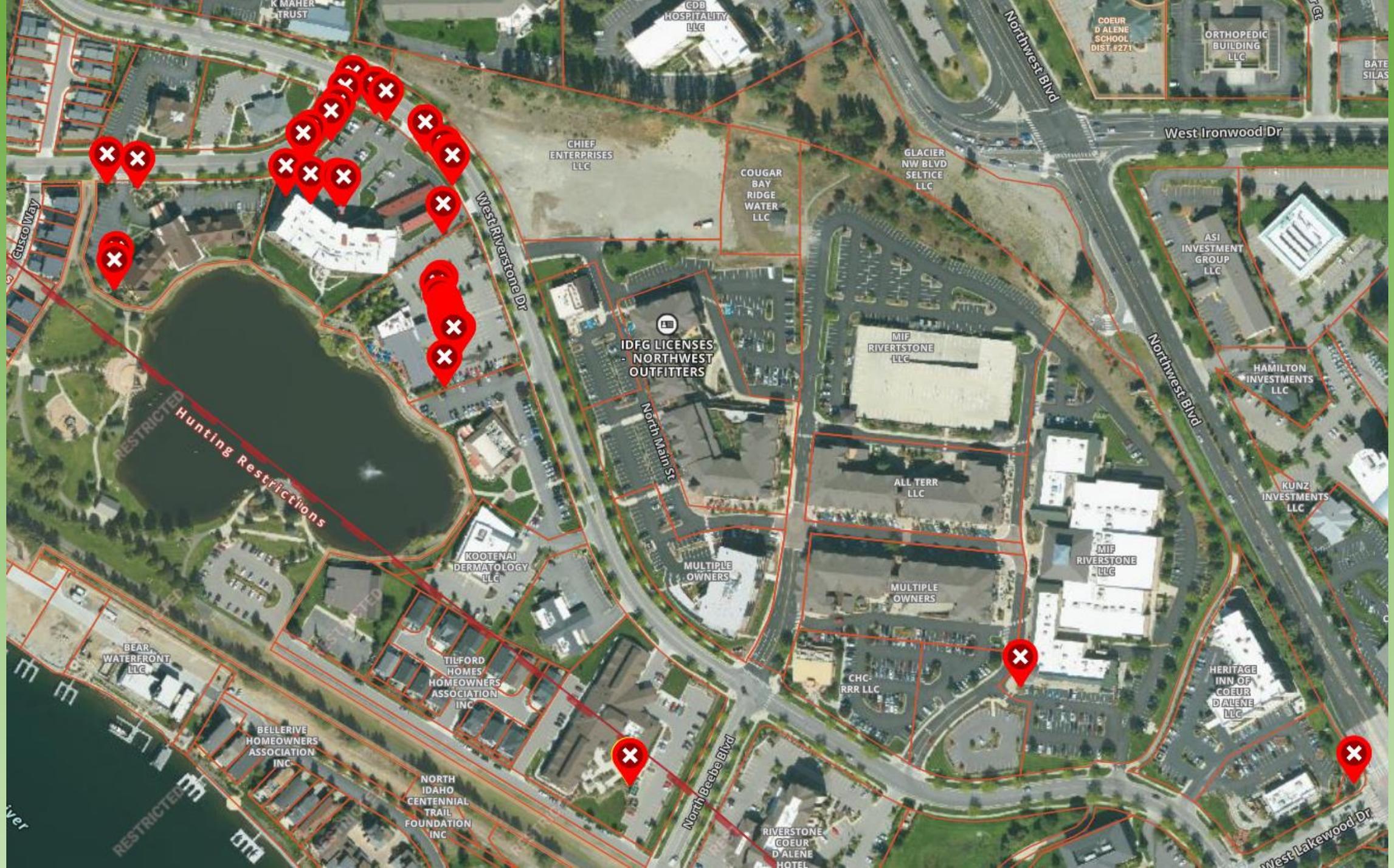
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100. NOXIOUS WEEDS - DESIGNATIONS.

The weeds listed on the Statewide EDRR, Containment, and Control lists- are hereby officially designated and published as noxious. (3-30-07)

01. Statewide EDRR Noxious Weed List.

Common Name		Scientific Name	
1.	Brazilian Elodea	1.	<i>Egeria densa</i>
2.	Common/European Frogbit	2.	<i>Hydrcharis morsus-ranae</i>
3.	Fanwort	3.	<i>Cobomba caroliniana</i>
4.	Feathered Mosquito Fern	4.	<i>Azolla pinnata</i>
5.	Giant Hogweed	5.	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
6.	Giant Salvinia	6.	<i>Salvinia molesta</i>
7.	Hydrilla	7.	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
8.	Policeman's Helmet	8.	<i>Impatiens glandulifera</i>
9.	Squarrose Knapweed	9.	<i>Centaurea triumfetti</i>
10.	Syrian Beancaper	10.	<i>Zygophyllum fabago</i>
11.	Tall Hawkweed	11.	<i>Hieracium piloselloides</i>
12.	Variable-Leaf-Milfoil	12.	<i>Myriophyllum heterophyllum</i>
13.	Water Chestnut	13.	<i>Trapa natans</i>
14.	Yellow Devil Hawkweed	14.	<i>Hieracium glomeratum</i>
15.	Yellow Floating Heart	15.	<i>Nymphoides pelata</i>

If any of the above listed plants (Subsection 100.01) are found to occur in Idaho, they shall be reported to the Department within ten (10) days following positive identification by the University of Idaho or other qualified authority as approved by the Director. These weeds shall be eradicated during the same growing season as identified.

(3-29-10)

































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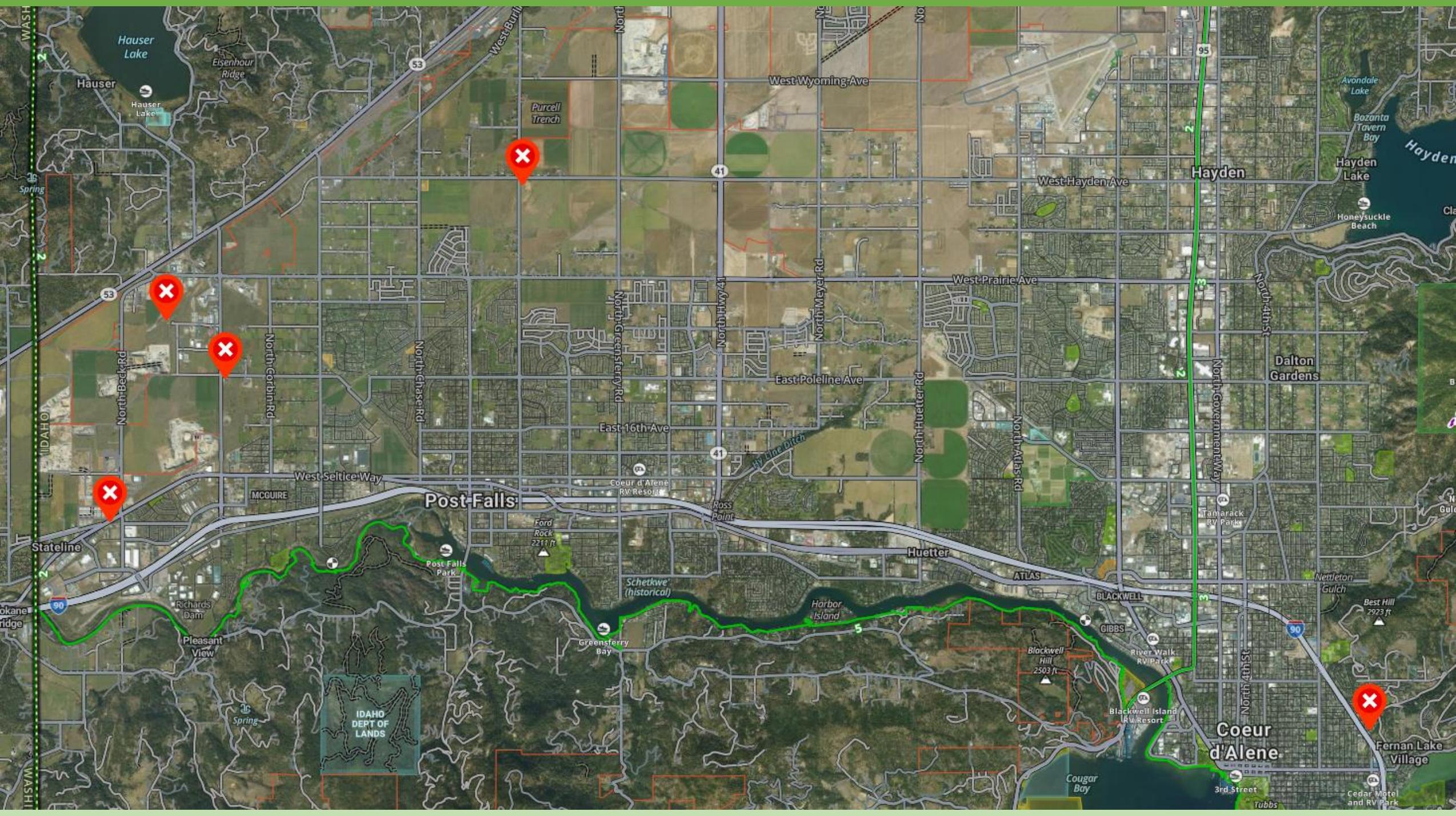


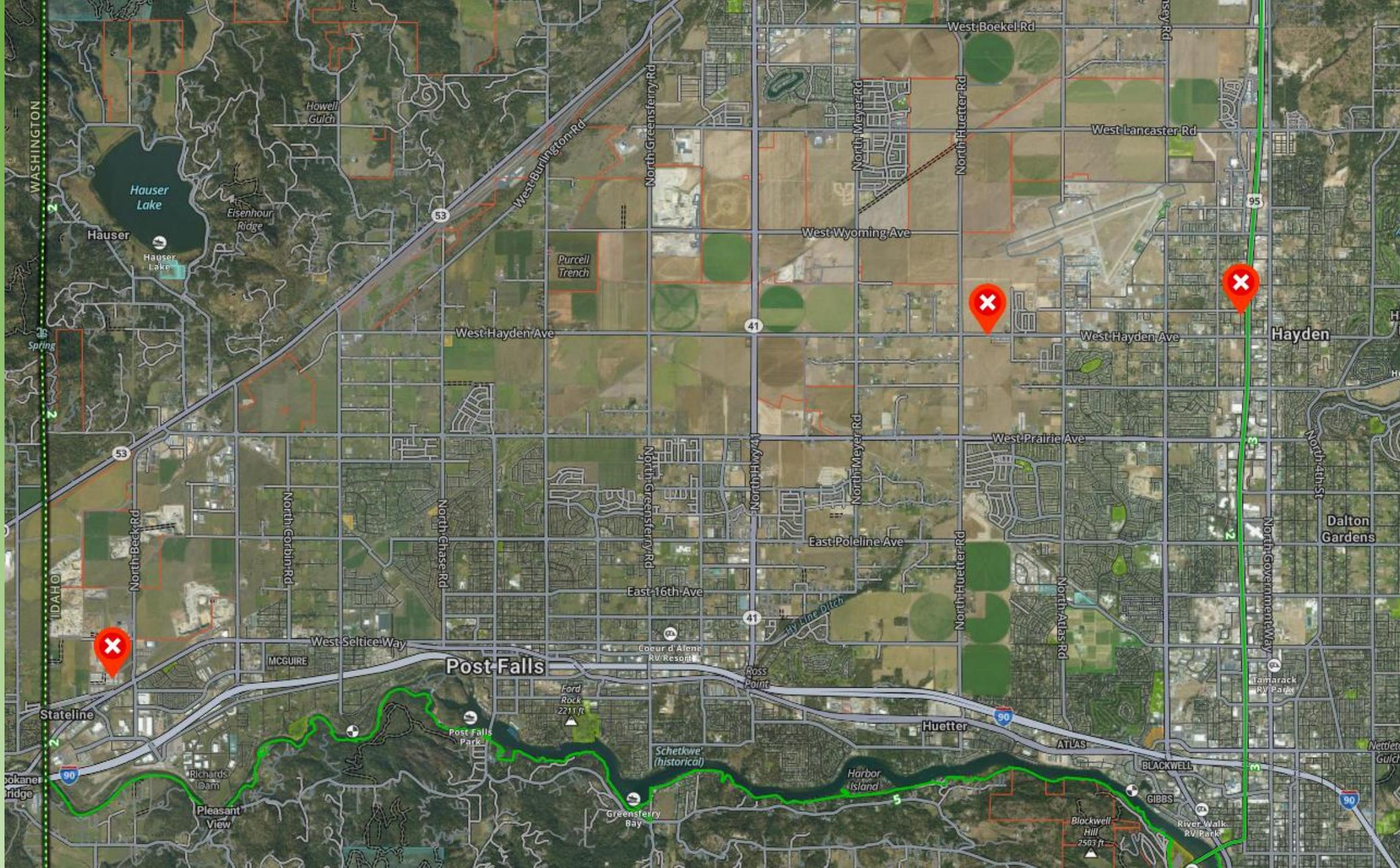


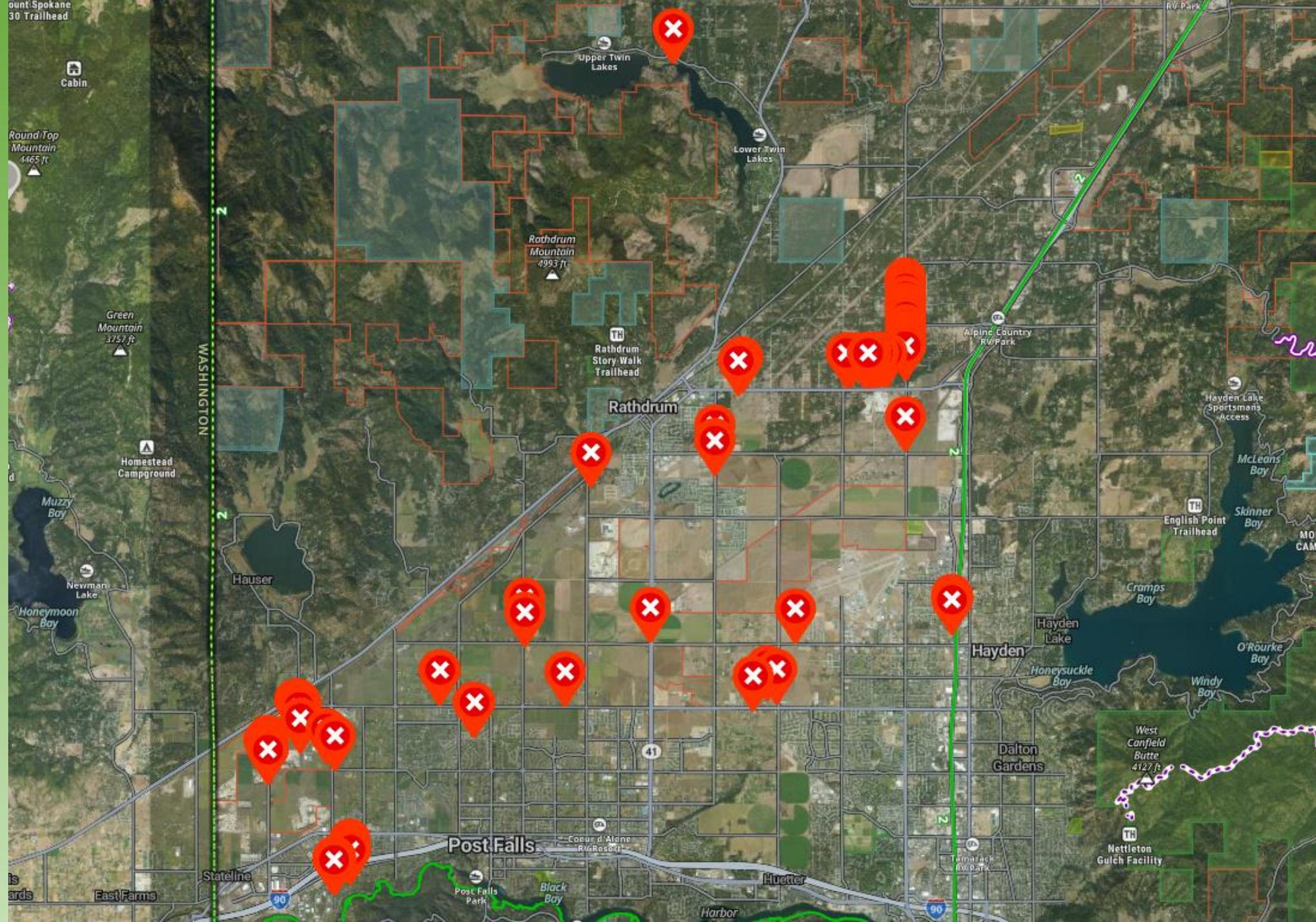












Mount Spokane
30 Trailhead

Cabin

Round Top Mountain
4465 ft

Green Mountain
3757 ft

Homestead Campground

Muzzy Bay
Newman Lake
Honeymoon Bay

WASHINGTON

Hauser

Upper Twin Lakes

Lower Twin Lakes

Rathdrum Mountain
4993 ft

Rathdrum Story Walk Trailhead

Rathdrum

Alpine Country RV Park

Hayden Lake Sportsmans Access

English Point Trailhead

Hayden

Hayden Lake

West Canfield Butte
4127 ft

Nettleton Gulch Facility

Post Falls

Coeur d'Alene RV Resort

Dalton Gardens

Post Falls Park

Black Bay

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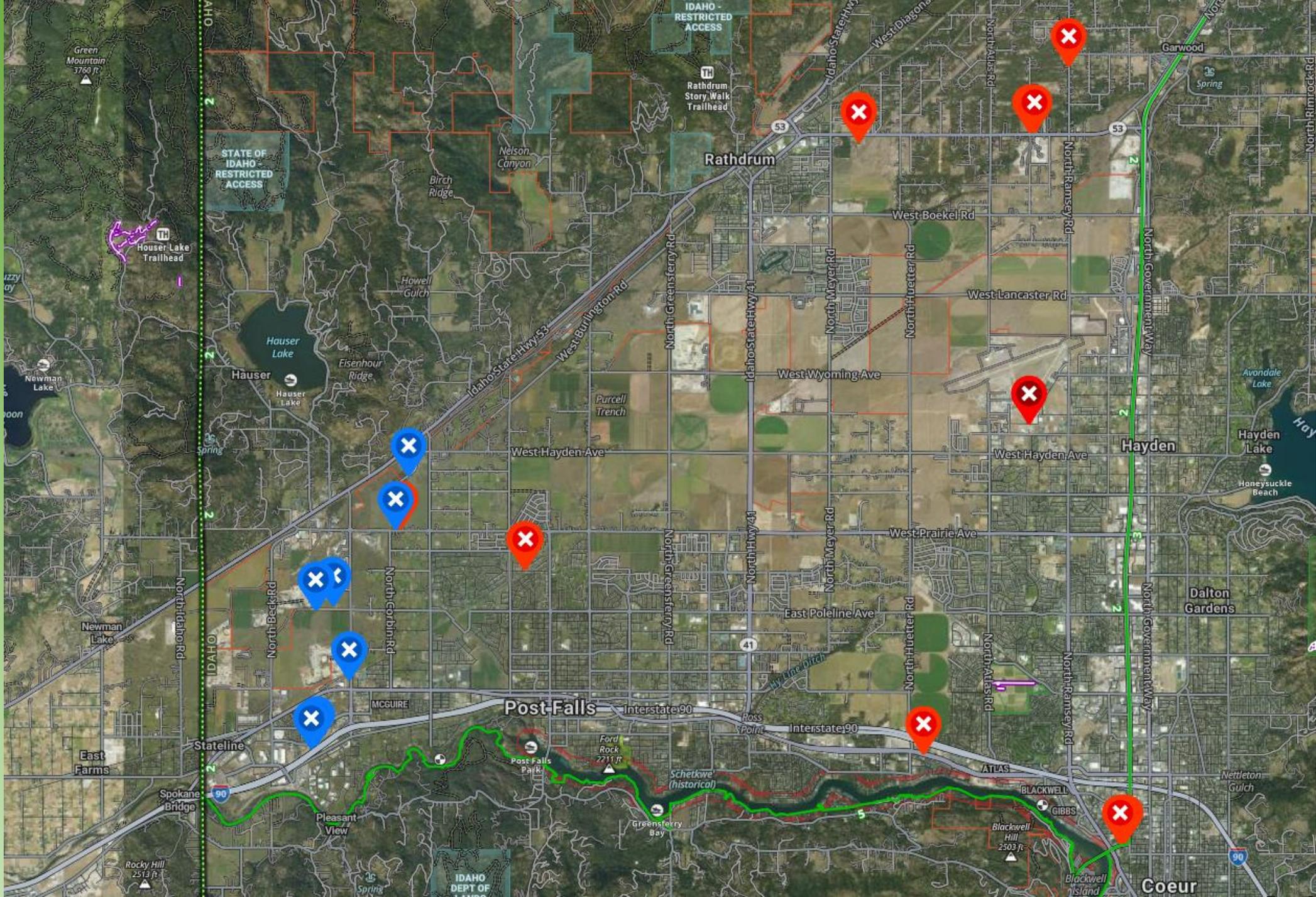
Tamarack RV Park

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Noxious Weed Control Department

Our services include:

Free site inspections,
Noxious Weed Identification
and control recommendations.

LOAN OUT EQUIPMENT

Kootenai County residents can borrow this equipment for private, non-commercial use at no cost for seven days to treat weeds and renovate your property.

Herbicide Sprayers

- Backpack Sprayers: Holds 4 Gallons
- Handheld Sprayers: Holds 1 Gallon
- ATV Tank Sprayer: Holds 25 Gallons – Use with any vehicle/ATV – Requires 12 volts



Seed/Fertilizer Spreaders

- Push Spreader – Push like a lawnmower
- Tow Behind Spreader – Tow with ATV or similar vehicle
- Electric Spreader – Mounts to ATV deck or similar vehicle – Requires 12 volts
- Hand-Crank Seed Spreader – Straps to front of body – Cranked by hand



Other

- Harrow – Drag with ATV or similar vehicle to scruff up dirt prior to seeding ****Must call to schedule pickup****
- Weed Wrench – Uses leverage to pull out woody plants
- Knotweed Injector – Injects herbicide directly into hollow stems



Treatment of County Owned Properties













Education/Outreach

EXPERT TREE CARE: Has arborists, tree removal, wind thinning, 360 degree trimming, stump grinding, pruning, weight reduction, and tree health specialist. Free estimates. Local business, licensed and insured, open 24 hours, 20+ years experience. Tree and Landscape Services LLC, 208-714-1197.

LOCAL PAPER, LOCAL PEOPLE, LOCAL RESULTS: The Nickel's Worth, 208-667-0653

GET ON THE LIST: For spring cleanups! Power raking, aerating, fertilization, lawn maintenance and small landscape jobs. Call Craig, 208-966-5270.

WINTER LEFT A MESS? We are ready for spring cleanups. A little bit of Every-thing L&T will handle cleanups, lawn care, and more. Call Michael at 208-611-6478. Kootenai County. **SMILE, YOU ARE GOOD!**

NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS FOR NORTH IDAHO PANHANDLE

Noxious Weed Control Departments in Benewah, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties offer a variety of services, including weed identification, site visits, publications, herbicide advice, and other land management information. Listed below are the highlights from each program, as well as contact information.

BENEWAH COUNTY PROGRAMS: Educational publications are available at the Benewah County Cooperative Extension office 208-245-2422. For more information, contact the Benewah County Auditor's Office at 208-245-5212.

KOOTENAI COUNTY PROGRAMS: The Noxious Weed Control department Equipment Loan Out Program has backpack sprayers, ATV sprayers, fertilizer spreaders, rotary seed spreaders, weed wrenches, knutweed injectors, and small harrows (harrows can be picked up on Fridays only) first come, first served, at no charge. In addition to the state listed noxious weeds, Kootenai County Noxious Weeds considers Common Bugloss and Kochia to be noxious. Please contact the Noxious Weed Control Department, 10905 N Ramsey Road, Hayden, Idaho 83835, by phone 208-446-1290, at our website www.kcweeds.com or email kcnoxiouseeds@kcgov.us with any questions.

SHOSHONE COUNTY PROGRAMS: Equipment Loan Program: various equipment is available for loan at no charge. Two additional weed species designated noxious by Shoshone County Ordinance No. 2001-08 are common Tansy and Sulfur Cinquefoil. Everyone is welcome to join the Shoshone County Weed Advisory Committee. For further information, contact Weed Superintendent, 700 Bank Street, Ste 38, Wallace, ID 83873. Phone: 208-733-5475, website: www.shoshonecounty.org.

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IDAHO WEED LAW: The Idaho Weed Law (Idaho Code Title 22, Chapter 24)
Places the responsibility for controlling noxious weeds on the person who owns or manages the land. Any person with noxious weeds on their property is obligated to control those weeds.

STATEWIDE PROHIBITED GENERAL NOXIOUS WEED LIST

All plants and plant parts in the genera of *Cytisus*, *Genista*, *Spartium*, and *Chamaecytisus* additionally including "all" subtaxa of these plant genera are prohibited in Idaho.

STATEWIDE EARLY DETECTION RAPID RESPONSE NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Weeds listed in this section and identified within Idaho shall be eradicated during the same growing season as identified. If you find these weeds in Idaho, we need to act quickly to prevent them from taking hold.

- Beardless Helder
- Cogon Grass
- Common/Europan Frugula
- Fawnroot
- Feathered Mosquito Fern
- Giant Hogweed
- Giant Salvinia
- Goutweed
- Hydrilla
- Policeman's Helmet
- Starry Stonewort
- Squarrose Knapsweed
- Syrian Broomrape
- Tall Hawkweed
- Turkish Thistle
- Variable-Leaf Milfoil
- Water Chestnut
- Water Hyacinth
- Yellow Devil Hawkweed
- Yellow Floating Heart
- Iberian Starthistle
- Purple Starthistle

STATEWIDE CONTROL NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Weeds listed in the control list are known to exist in varying populations throughout the state. The concentration of these weeds is at a level where control and/or eradication may be possible:

- Black Henbane
- Bohemian Knotweed
- Common Crupina
- Common Reed (Phragmites)
- Dyer's Weed
- Eurasian Watermilfoil
- Giant Knotweed
- Japanese Knotweed
- Johnsongrass
- Matgrass
- Meadow Knapsweed
- Mediterranean Sage
- Monk Thistle
- Orange Hawkweed
- Parrotfeather Milfoil
- Perennial Sowthistle
- Russian Knapsweed
- Scotch Broom
- Small Bugloss
- Vipers Bugloss (Blueweed)
- Yellow Hawkweed

STATEWIDE CONTAINMENT NOXIOUS WEED LIST

Weeds listed in the containment noxious weeds list are known to exist in various populations throughout the state. Weed control efforts may be directed at reducing or eliminating new or expanding weed populations while known and established weed populations may be managed by any approved weed control methodology, as determined by the weed control authority.

- Canada Thistle
- Curlyleaf Poodweed
- Dalmatian Toadflax
- Diffuse Knapsweed
- Field Bindweed
- Flowering Rush
- Hoary Alyssum
- Houndstongue
- Jointed Goatgrass
- Leafy Spurge
- Milium
- Oxyeye Daisy
- Perennial Pepperweed
- Plumeless Thistle
- Poison Hemlock
- Puncturevine
- Purple Loosestrife
- Rush Skeletonweed
- Salicedar
- Scotch Thistle
- Spotted Knapsweed
- Tansy Ragwort
- White Bryson
- Whitetop (Hoary Cress)
- Yellow Flag Iris
- Yellow Starthistle
- Yellow Toadflax

Please do your part to control noxious weeds. Protect the environment, protect the health of humans, livestock, and wildlife. **SPREAD THE WORD, NOT THE WEED!**

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Canada Thistle



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

It is a creeping perennial that can grow 1 to 5 feet tall. Numerous flower heads are small and urn-shaped. Flowers are normally pink, but can be white to purple. Leaves are spiny with the underside often appearing white.

WHERE DOES IT GROW?

A native of Eurasia, it was brought into Canada in contaminated crop seed. It is found almost anywhere and it prefers rich, moist soils.

WHEN DOES IT BLOOM?

Flowering occurs June through August.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

It reproduces both by seed and also by extensive horizontal creeping rhizomes in its root system that send up new shoots. Not all Canada thistle flowers produce seed. In fact, male and female flowers are usually on separate plants but both flowers will produce white plumes that blow through-out the countryside in the summer. Only plumes from pollinated female flowers will contain seeds. Seeds may germinate immediately, or remain in the soil until environmental conditions are favorable.



Image Credits: conservationdistrict.org; Richard Old, weed-id.com; Ian Samanek, phytosanitary administration, Bugwood.org; btny.purdue.edu

Control Options

Canada Thistle is a perennial that reproduces not only by seed but also vegetatively through its roots. Control is by preventing seed production and killing the root system.

Mechanical Mowing can prevent seed production, and regular repeated mowing at least every three weeks throughout several growing seasons can eventually starve nutrients from the roots. However, most mechanical methods such as tillage that break up the root system actually increase Canada Thistle infestations.

Cultural The best long term weed control is to get your desirable native plants thriving. Killing weeds is only one step, you have to also replace them with something good. Seed and fertilize so your grass can take nutrients away from the weeds and not leave available open soil for new weeds to germinate.

Biological There are three insects released for biological control of Canada Thistle, but none have made any significant impact.

Chemical Chemical treatment of creeping perennials must target the root system in order to be effective. Killing only the top growth with an herbicide such as 2,4-D will not reduce your infestation.

- **Aminopyralid** (see page 11) is the active ingredient in herbicide products such as *Milestone*. It is broadleaf selective (safe on grasses) and persists a long time in the soil. It is one of the most effective herbicides for Canada Thistle. Apply it once all plants have emerged, up until they begin to flower. Application may need to be repeated 1-2 additional years.
- **Clopyralid** (see page 13) is the active ingredient in herbicide products such as *Transline*. It is broadleaf selective and also safe on most conifer trees. It gives good control of Canada Thistle when applied during the rosette stage. Re-treatment may be necessary 2-3 additional years.
- **Chlorsulfuron** is the active ingredient in herbicide products such as *Telar XP*. It is a dry chemical that must be mixed into water and agitated. It is broadleaf selective and effective on Canada Thistle if applied during bolting and early flowering stages.

Education/Outreach





Biological Controls







New Houndstogue Bio Agent?

Mogulones borraginis







WHERE CAN I BUY CERTIFIED NOXIOUS WEED FREE FORAGE & STRAW?

A list of growers (baled hay & straw) can be found on the ISDA's webpage. In addition, certified baled hay & straw, forage cubes, & compressed forage bales can be found at most retail feed stores.

OTHER GOOD STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES TO FOLLOW:

ISDA recommends pre-feeding your animals Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage 48 hours prior to entering Idaho public lands (to purge digestive tract). It is also suggested to thoroughly brush & clean hooves before leaving home to remove potential seeds from your animal.



WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I SEE A NOXIOUS WEED?

Contact your County Weed Control Superintendent or the Public Land Manager for the area you are recreating.

DO YOUR PART TO HELP STOP THE SPREAD! LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY & CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS!



Idaho State Department Of Agriculture

NOXIOUS WEED FREE FORAGE & STRAW CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

For additional information, contact:

Idaho State Department Of Agriculture
Noxious Weed Free Forage & Straw
Certification Program

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www.invasivespecies.idaho.gov/weed-free-forage



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2025 Weeds Season

- 88 Properties Inspected
 - 3,867 Acres
- 2 Biological Releases
- 42 Equipment Loans
 - 150+ Acres Treated
- EDRR – 7 Properties Treated
 - 40+ Infestations
- 296 Acres County Property Treated

Off Season



Kootenai County Noxious Weed Control

