NEVADA'S NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM



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ABATE: to reduce in amount, degree or intensity

ABATE: action taken by a legal authority requiring a land owner or occupant to cut, eradicate or destroy noxious weeds

In Nevada, the only authorities that can cause a legal abatement for noxious weeds are the Department of Agriculture or a weed district that was created by the process outlined in the Nevada Revised Statutes

NEVADA WEED EFFORT TIMELINE

1929 NRS Weed Laws Enacted including abatement authority

1929-1995 scattered weed control efforts across state, mostly as an agricultural issue; some work done by agencies

1995 Nevada Weed Action Committee formed

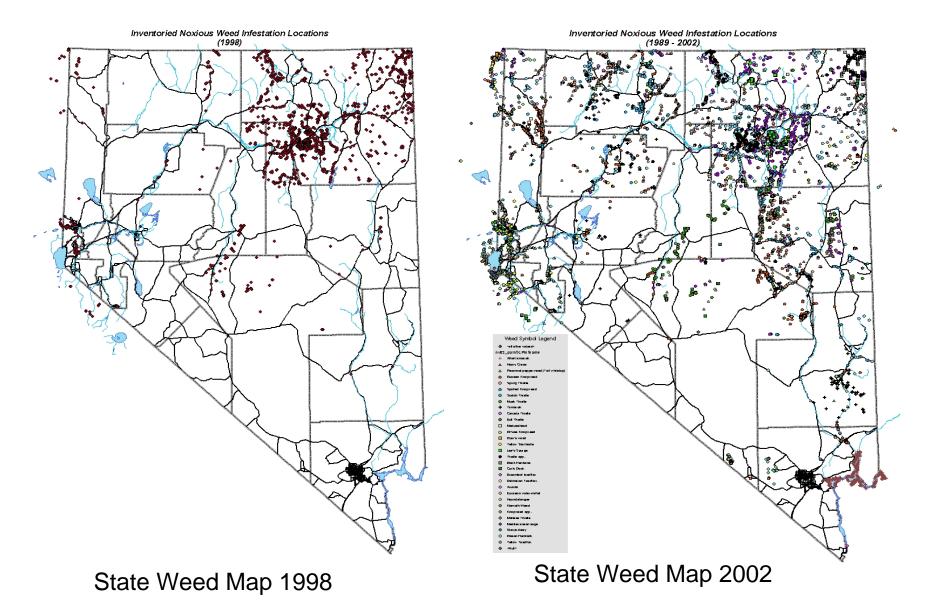
1995 Nevada Weed Management Association formed

1999 Legislature creates weeds specialist position

May 2000 NDOA weed coordinator position hired

December 2000 Nevada State Weed Strategy completed

2003, 2004, 2005 NDOA receives USFS SPF grants for position and control grants.....



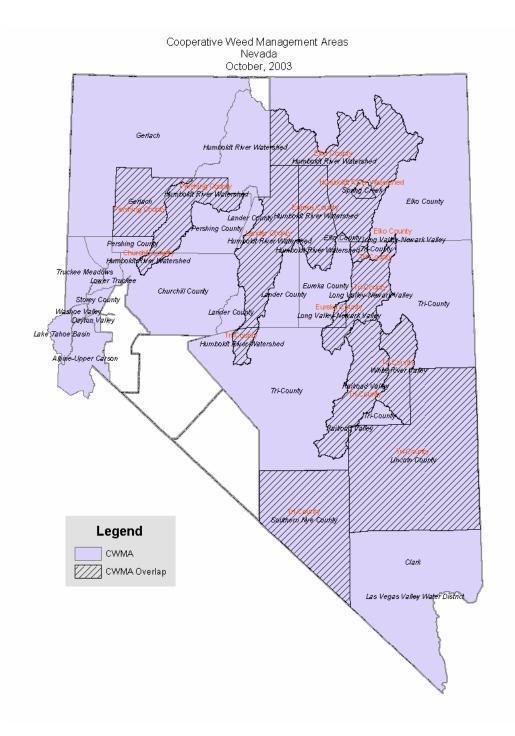
Courtesy of Dave Pickel, NRCS

Weed District vs. other weed groups, CWMAs:

A Weed District is formed through a legal process and has abatement and enforcement authority

CWMAs and other groups are typically volunteer groups of people organized to control weed problems and educate the public on this issue; they have NO legal authority to conduct abatements.

BOTH A WEED DISTRICT AND A CWMA CAN EXIST IN THE SAME AREA!!!



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Nevada Cooperative Weed Management Groups 8/03

Alpine County/Upper Carson Watershed

Carson City

Churchill County

Clark County

Elko County

Gerlach (N. Washoe)

Humboldt Watershed

Lassen County SWAT

Las Vegas Wash Weed Partnership

Lincoln County

Long Valley/Newark

Lower Truckee

N. Nye/Esmeralda

Pershing County

Railroad Valley

Robinson

S. Lyon County

S. Nye County

Snake Valley

Spring Creek Region

Storey County

Surprise Valley (N. Washoe)

Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group

Truckee Meadows

Walker River Basin

Washoe Valley

West Central Lyon County

White River Valley

Currently active

Weed Districts:

Churchill County

Diamond Valley

Douglas County

Lovelock Valley

Paradise Valley

Walker River

Currently Inactive

Weed Districts:

Ruby Valley

Goose Creek

Lamoille

Other Weed Control

Groups:

Clark County MSHCP
Humboldt Task Force
Lander County Weed Team
Tri County Weed Control

USFS State and Private Forestry Grant

Tina Kadrmas, NDOA CWMA/Weed Free Forage Coordinator

2003 \$100,000

*\$50,000 in grants to set up CWMAs

2004 \$150,000

*\$100,000 in grants for CWMA set up or weed control projects; 24 proposals totaling \$267,000

2005 \$163,000.....RFP available in fall of '04

*\$100,000 available for weed control

NEVADA WEED PROGRAM FUNDING.....

2000 ongoing, state weed coordinator position; General Funds

2001 Senate Bill No. 13- Senator Rhoads Summary: provides for administration of program to provide grants for local treatment and control of invasive species of weeds that are not Native to Nevada (BDR 2-638): Appropriation of \$350,000 for two years requested from General Funds; no pass

2003 Senate Bill No. 75- Committee on Natural Resources Summary: provides for administration of program to provide grants for local treatment and control of invasive weeds and noxious weeds (BDR S-672): Appropriation of \$2 million for two years requested from General Funds; no pass

2003 Senate Bill No. 370- Senator Rhoads Summary: Authorizes board of county commissioners to impose additional tax on transfer of real property for control of invasive species. (BDR 32-39); Funding: tax on the transfer of real property; PASSED

NEVADA'S COORDINATED INVASIVE WEED STRATEGY



PRIORITIES:

CWMA Coordinator position

F/T Mapping Coordinator position

Sustainable grants program for weed control (ie, \$10,000 per group per year)