

NOXIOUS WEED Board MEETING
November 13th, 2025, Video Meeting / In-person
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMEBERS Present:

Todd Peplin	Joe Mauti	Dan Son
Jacob Derksen	Cody S.	Lorena Brown
Ian Grinter		

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Kevin Moriarty	Lauren Street	Ben Hanah
Rob Fox BPRD	Donna Barton K9	

Minutes

Minutes May 8th & October 9th, 2025. Dan Son with Motion to pass, Joe second. Approved.

Guest - K9 Volunteer Group - Donna Barton

The volunteer K9 group wants to get involved with conservation and is interested in getting involved with locating noxious weeds with their K9s. The board members discussed that this is used in other areas like Washinton state and places like New Zealand. The board discussed that the A listed weeds would be the noxious weeds that it would be helpful for. Donna stated that the K9s can locate a specific type of lupin among many different types, they can be very specific. African Rue on BLM could be a noxious weed in Crook County that might fit this opportunity well. Donna would want to start with a sample of a noxious weed to take back and train the K9s with.

Field & Outreach Season

Yellow Flag Iris treatment was successful. Roughly 46 tax lots were treated for the noxious weed species. The Deschutes County Natural Resources Department and the Oregon Department of Agriculture staff completed the treatments.

Education and outreach events for 2026: Deschutes County Fair, Upper Deschutes Watershed Council River Cleanup, La Pine Rhubarb Festival, Home & Garden Show.

Bend Parks & Rec. was able to do a lot of preemergent treatments, much more than previous seasons. They will also be treating in a fuel reduction treatment that they completed earlier this season.

Outreach Material & Discussion

The metal prints are in the noxious weed wagon, and the Deschutes County Natural Resources Department also purchased canvas bags with the “Noxious Weeds Are Your Responsibility” logo. Lorena is still working on the noxious weed pressed samples.

It would be beneficial to have handouts for local seed mixes, native plant nurseries, and other resources. A survey would be useful with a QR code where people could state how they heard about our program. This could be connected to the noxious weed application when it moves online. This would allow Deschutes County Natural Resources Staff to track data on noxious weed inquiries.

Grants

Dan Son discussed the ODA State Weed Board noxious weed grants that are currently open. This cycle has \$1,500,000 in the general fund and are offering a separate County grant program with \$250,000. County grants cannot be a state A listed species, but you can apply for a state A listed species through the general fund pool. The applications are due December 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Deschutes County staff discussed continuing with Hawkweed, Floating Heart, Hoary Alyssum, Perineal Pepper Weed, Yellow Star Thistle etc. and some of the other high priority listed weeds in the next round of the ODA application. Staff capacity would need to be written into the grant.

Ian with the BLM discussed the Good Neighbor Authority program for noxious weeds, however those contracts are not a priority currently. Funding is still up in the air right now.

Roundtable:

Ben Hanah - crew has been putting down residual and wrapping up their treatments for the season.

BPRD - had a successful treatment season and volunteer involvement.

Dan Son – treatment season is wrapping up, reporting is picking up and the focus is on ODA grants right now.

Dawn K9 Volunteer – discussed yellow flag iris on property and Kevin mentioned the Deschutes County Noxious Weed Program, treatments, and consultations.

Lorena B. – Summer treatments: annual grasses. A lot of the season was cut short due to the shutdown.

Kevin M. – summer treatments are wrapped up with yellow flag iris and hoary alyssum. The noxious weed application will be moving online to make it easier to access and manage for staff.

Todd P. – SWCD is finishing up the preemergent treatments on the Flat Fire and had a good response from residents through applications. Seed was also dispersed to landowners in the Flat Fire footprint.

Ian G. – The BLM has seed available for fire footprint properties. The BLM was using it on dozer lines and will likely have extra. The BLM is in the final step to use Rejuvra and Milestone on the Prineville District.

Cody S. – They worked with the SWCD to complete another round of red canary grass treatments and have wrapped up their spray season for the year.

Meeting Schedule Next meeting is December 11, 2025. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702 – Virtual option will be available.

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