

NOXIOUS WEED Board MEETING
October 9th, 2025, Video Meeting / In-person
Deschutes County Board Hearing – Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMEBERS Present:

Todd Peplin

Joe Mauti

Dan Son

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE and GUESTS Present:

Kevin Moriarty

Lauren Street

Minutes

Minutes May 8, 2025, no quorum.

Outreach Season:

Discussed the five events that were attended with the Noxious Weed Wagon this season. There was an uptick in site visits this year through noxious weed requests. Events were successful overall with lots of connections made with Deschutes County residents and property owners.

Events next year to attend: Deschutes County Fair with more limited hours, La Pine Rhubarb Festival, Home & Garden Show, Upper Deschutes River Day.

Outreach Materials:

Myrtle Spurge was a popular conversation at all events due to its prevalence in local landscaping and gardens. The group discussed leading people towards the OSU Fire Resistant Plant publication for recommended landscape replacements. It would be beneficial to have handouts for local seed mixes, native plant nurseries, and other resources.

A flow chart would be helpful in the noxious weed wagon for community members that think they have a noxious weed problem. This could be digital and displayed on the tv. The tv needs a thumb drive with loaded materials to play.

The group likes the metal prints; they catch people's attention. Paper outreach materials hanging in the noxious weed wagon should slowly be replaces with metal or more permanent materials for outreach.

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:

The group discussed the county grant opportunities through OWEB for noxious weeds. County priorities: Medusa-head. More capacity is needed to go after A listed species.

Roundtable:

No roundtable updates.

Meeting Schedule Next meeting is November 13, 2025. In person, Deschutes County Road Department – 61150 SE 27th Street, Bend, OR 97702 – Virtual option will be available.
MEETING ADJOURNED

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