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CDA Seeks Noxious Weed Advisory Committee Members

The Colorado Noxious Weed Advisory Committee needs your nominations! The Commissioner of Agriculture annually appoints Coloradans to the state noxious weed advisory committee established in §108.7 of the Colorado Noxious Weed Act (C.R.S. 35-5.5). Several positions will become vacant at the end of the current term and need to be filled. These positions represent the perspectives of:

- Private Landowner (1)
- Weed Management Professional – non-county (1)
- Weed Scientist (1)
- Local Governing Body – County (1)
- Agricultural Producer (2)
- Resource Specialist/Industry/Environmental Organization (2)

To the greatest extent possible, the membership of the committee reflects the geographic areas of the state equally. As outlined in statute, the committee is comprised of 15 members. Of these:

- a. At least one member represents private and public landowners or land managers;
- b. At least two members represent weed management professionals from the federal, state, or local levels;
- c. At least one member represents public or private weed scientists;
- d. At least two members represent local governing bodies;
- e. Four members are agricultural producers; and
- f. At least three members represent knowledgeable resource specialists or industries, including, but not limited to, environmental organizations.

The advisory committee's primary obligation is to make recommendations to the Commissioner concerning:

- a. The designation of state noxious weeds;
- b. The classification of state noxious weeds (into Lists A, B, or C);
- c. The development and implementation of state weed management plans; and
- d. Prescribed techniques for eradication, containment, and suppression of state noxious weeds.

To accomplish the objectives laid out by the state legislature, each member is responsible for developing a network of stakeholders within his/her area of expertise and geographic region of the state. Each member utilizes this network to solicit input and communicate the committee's recommendations to the stakeholders s/he represents. In addition, each member is expected

to meet quarterly with the committee as a whole (note that committee members serve without per diem compensation or expenses). Appointments are made for two-year terms. Committee members are limited to serving two consecutive terms each, i.e., four years.

If you can make this commitment and are interested in serving on the committee, please submit a nomination no later than **August 31st**. A nomination must include a completed nomination form (an electronic version is available at <http://www.ag.state.co.us>) as well as a statement describing the nominee's interest regarding weed management and his/her qualifications to represent the specific perspective identified. All nominees should expect to attend the committee's next meeting in Lakewood on October 24, 2007.

The Commissioner seeks individuals to serve on the committee who are articulate and communicate well, are committed to finding solutions to Colorado's noxious weed problems, and will work within a team to make recommendations to him. Please circulate this information to anyone you think would be qualified and interested in serving on the state noxious weed advisory committee to represent one of the perspectives listed above. Do you know of a rancher or farmer that lives and breathes the management of noxious weeds? Or a County Commissioner that fully supports weed management in their respective county and surrounding areas? Drop a line to your contact with an environmental organization and generate interest in working on this committee.

As a weed management professional, you probably know of several individuals that would provide excellent service to the state on this committee. Please mention the opportunity to them as this is a great opportunity for folks to get to know other around the state that have the same passion – protecting Colorado's natural resources. If you have any questions about the nomination process or the state noxious weed advisory committee, contact me at 303-239-4173 or Kelly.uhing@ag.state.co.us.