

to applicator shortage.

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ODA Update / Mike Crumrine

Mike gave a Powerpoint presentation and discussed the importance of adding Hoary alyssum to our "A" list. This is a new invader found at three sites in Deschutes County and two sites in Wallowa County. This species is toxic to horses by causing the horse to founder.

Also talked about two new biological controls for Russian knapweed. The Bud Gall Midge and the Stem Gall Wasp. They are showing promising results.

Mattgrass was discussed and it appears that it will remain as a project ODA will continue to work on, at least for now.

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Noxious Weed List for 2017

Mike Green made a motion to add Hoary alyssum *Berteroa incana* to "A" list. Warren Haught made a second. The rest of the list to remain the same.

Approved

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Discussion

Lani Hickey again discussed the difficulties the Weed Control Department is having finding Applicators. Nichole Sanchez stated that KBREC is working on providing trainings for the exams. This will be very helpful as each test now costs \$58.00 to take. Frank Hammerich brought up the continued concern of organic farmers and their lack of noxious weed control. This is a difficult problem and needs to be addressed. Frank also spoke of his concern about the spread of Starthistle, he does not want to see it get to Langell Valley.

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