

Madison County Weed Board

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Position Statement HB 599

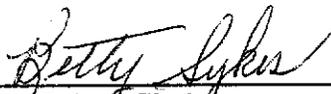
The Madison County Weed Board extends their full support in the passage of House Bill 599. The Board feels it is very important that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has the opportunity to initiate non-compliance status, and enforcement action when addressing leases that they are facilitating. This proactive position enables a more active and timely effort in weed management on lands that impact the health of ranges scattered throughout Montana. By passing House Bill 599 the process outlined in 7-22-2116 MCA and 7-22-2117 can be implemented in a more timely and effective manner when dealing with DNRC leases.

Without the passage of House Bill 599 the DNRC and Weed Districts are left with a process that lacks the ability to manage and in some cases eradicate noxious weeds on leased lands in a manner that is consistent with what is implemented when lands are privately owned. The same standards and actions should be in place for these leased lands as the law outlines for private lands across Montana.

Again, the Madison County Weed Board fully supports the passage of House Bill 599.

With respect,

Madison County Weed Board,



Betty Sykes, Chairperson



John Armstrong, Vice Chair

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