

Kolman, Joe

From: Abrams, David <dabrams@blm.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2013 3:40 PM
To: Kolman, Joe
Subject: Fwd: Response from BLM to EQC on invasive species question
Attachments: Weeds_12032013.docx; Weeds_120313_MT_Overview.docx

Sent this to you earlier, but it bounced back due to the size of the attachments. I'm going to delete one of the attachments--a 1996 weed action plan. But if you would like a copy of that older document, I'll see what I can do to secure one for you.

David

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From: **Abrams, David** <dabrams@blm.gov>
Date: Wed, Dec 4, 2013 at 3:16 PM
Subject: Response from BLM to EQC on invasive species question
To: "Kolman, Joe" <jkolman@mt.gov>

Joe,

Here is the response I received from our BLM State Office regarding invasive species--in particular, weed control.

Sincerely,
David Abrams

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From: **Thompson, Floyd** <fthomps@blm.gov>
Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 12:02 PM

Hi David,

Since we don't have a budget yet, I'll use last fiscal year's figures. We had a budget of approximately \$500,000 for on-the-ground weed control. This figure includes 6% of the range improvement funds which Field Offices are directed to spend on weed control. For this year, it will probably be on the order of 5 to 10% less given the sequestration reductions being discussed.

I am also attaching the latest overview of the Montana weed program, a briefing statement on the program, and the National weed strategy. The figures in the briefing statement and overview are from FY2012. I have not compiled the FY2013 numbers yet--I'm still awaiting input from some of the FOs.

Thanks,

Floyd

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