

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 821  
2 INTRODUCED BY M. MALONE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 AGRICULTURE FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST YELLOWSTONE, MUSSELSHELL, AND STILLWATER  
6 COUNTIES TO COMBAT SALT CEDAR, RUSSIAN OLIVE, AND COMMON BUCKTHORN SPECIES; AND  
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the general fund  
12 to the department of agriculture for one time only for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the purpose of  
13 providing grants as outlined in subsection (2).

14 (2) By August 1, 2023, the department of agriculture shall provide grants ~~to the weed management~~  
15 ~~districts~~ to the appropriate local entities of Yellowstone, Musselshell, and Stillwater Counties. ~~The for the~~  
16 purpose of ~~these grants is to manage and control~~ managing and controlling existing infestations of saltcedar,  
17 Russian olive, and common buckthorn species within these three counties. An application for the grant must be  
18 submitted to the department and grants must be awarded to applicants with the best opportunity for  
19 successfully controlling the identified woody invasive species. The department shall use the same standards  
20 set forth in Title 4, chapter 5, subchapter 1, ARM, for these grants.

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22 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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