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Dear Property Owner,

We are reaching out to those landowners who were impacted by the Bridger Foothills Fire. Wildfires can increase noxious weeds in burned areas and areas that have been disturbed due to fire containment activities. If you are concerned about the invasion of noxious weeds, the Gallatin County Weed District can help in a variety of ways:

- Conduct site visits with landowners
- Identify noxious weeds
- Rental sprayers are available for landowners
- Help developing weed management plans

Additionally, we would like to assess whether there is enough landowner interest to develop a Weed Management Area (WMA) for property owners impacted by the fire. This would allow us to apply for a Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant that would provide cost share funds for the treatment of noxious weeds on private land. If the grant was successful, landowners would be eligible to receive 50% reimbursement of their noxious weed control costs in the spring and summer of 2021.

Grant requirements include:

- A minimum of three adjacent landowners to participate, so talk with your neighbors
- The grant application is due in early January, so we would need to know by November 1st if you would be interested in participating

If there is enough landowner interest for pursuing a grant, we will provide more technical grant requirements.

Please give us a call at 582-3265 or send an email to weeddistrict@gallatin.mt.gov if you are interested in participating in the WMA or if you would like more information.

Sincerely,

Gallatin County Weed District