

BRIDGER FIRE NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL COST SHARE PROGRAM

In the interest of assisting landowners impacted by the 2020 Bridger Fire with the cost of purchasing herbicides or hiring a commercial applicator to control noxious weeds, the Gallatin County Weed District and Gallatin Watershed Council are offering a Cost Share Program in which (50%) of approved weed control costs will be reimbursed. The terms and conditions of this program are as follows:

1. The program applies only to noxious weeds. See table on page 2.
2. The program is available to landowners within the burn perimeter of the Bridger Fire.
3. Landowners pay all costs up front then are reimbursed 50% of the eligible costs.
4. Eligible costs include: contracted application labor, herbicide, surfactant, and blue dye. The use of non-selective herbicides (i.e. Roundup) will be subject to approval. The program DOES NOT cover costs associated with mowing, grazing treatments, biocontrol, seeding, equipment purchases, or the use of soil sterilents.

Processing Procedures

1. Complete this application and return it to the Gallatin County Weed District for approval. Funds are limited, so submit the application as soon as possible. Send the application to: 903 N Black Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715 OR email to: weeddistrict@gallatin.mt.gov. Contact the Weed District (406-582-3265) if you have any questions. Please provide an estimate of the cost of your project (50% of which would be reimbursed) so that we can accurately earmark the limited funds. Consult with a commercial applicator if you need help estimating your project cost.
2. The money will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. Applications will be prioritized by date of receipt.
3. The Weed District will review the application and notify the applicant of approval. **Approval of the application is required prior to treatment.**
4. Once approved, the landowner may conduct the herbicide treatment. In the case of herbicide applications, spray noxious weeds using the proper equipment and safety measures. **Carefully read and follow the herbicide label.** Use proper spraying practices to ensure safety to you and the environment.
5. After the noxious weeds are treated, the landowner must submit a cost share claim sheet (see page 3). Include a copy of the receipt(s) documenting the amount paid for the covered services used to control noxious weeds.

Landowner Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Estimated date of weed control _____

Will the weed control be done by you, or will you hire an applicator? _____

Name of commercial applicator (*if hiring one*) _____

Herbicides to be used _____

Noxious weeds targeted _____

Approximate size of weed infestation to be treated (*sq feet, acres*) _____

Estimated cost of noxious weed treatment _____

Description of Area(s) to be Treated Include in the description the use of the land such as pasture, lawn, subdivision park, native grassland, etc. Also, separately attach a map or sketch of the property to be treated that includes the location of noxious weeds and notable landscape features (e.g. waterways, etc.).

STATE AND GALLATIN COUNTY LISTED NOXIOUS WEEDS ELIGIBLE FOR COST SHARE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yellow starthistle (<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>) - Dyer's woad (<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>) - Common reed (<i>Phragmites australis</i> ssp. <i>australis</i>) - Medusahead (<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>) - Knotweed complex (<i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i>, <i>P. sachalinense</i>, <i>P. x bohemicum</i>, <i>Fallopia japonica</i>, <i>F. sachalinensis</i>, <i>F. x bohémica</i>, <i>Reynoutria japonica</i>, <i>R. sachalinense</i>, and <i>R. x bohémica</i>) - Purple loosestrife (<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>) - Rush skeletonweed (<i>Chondrilla juncea</i>) - Scotch broom (<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>) - Blueweed (<i>Echium vulgare</i>) - Tansy ragwort (<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>, <i>Jacobaea vulgaris</i>) - Meadow hawkweed complex (<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>, <i>H. praealtum</i>, <i>H. floridundum</i>, and <i>Pilosella caespitosa</i>) - Orange hawkweed (<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>, <i>Pilosella aurantiaca</i>) - Tall buttercup (<i>Ranunculus acris</i>) - Perennial pepperweed (<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>) - Yellowflag iris (<i>Iris pseudacorus</i>) - Eurasian watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i>) - Flowering rush (<i>Butomus umbellatus</i>) - Common buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i> L.) - Ventenata (<i>Ventenata dubia</i>) - Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>) - Field bindweed (<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leafy spurge (<i>Euphorbia esula</i>) - Whitetop (<i>Cardaria draba</i>, <i>Lepidium draba</i>) - Russian knapweed (<i>Acroptilon repens</i>, <i>Rhaponticum repens</i>) - Spotted knapweed (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>, <i>C. maculosa</i>) - Diffuse knapweed (<i>Centaurea diffusa</i>) - Dalmatian toadflax (<i>Linaria dalmatica</i>) - St. Johnswort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>) - Sulfur cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla recta</i>) - Common tansy (<i>Tanacetum vulgare</i>) - Oxeye daisy (<i>Leucanthemum vulgare</i>) - Houndstongue (<i>Cynoglossum officinale</i>) - Yellow toadflax (<i>Linaria vulgaris</i>) - Saltcedar (<i>Tamarix</i> spp.) - Curlyleaf pondweed (<i>Potamogeton crispus</i>) - Hoary alyssum (<i>Berteroa incana</i>) - Cheatgrass (<i>Bromus tectorum</i>) - Hydrilla (<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>) - Russian olive (<i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i>) - Brazilian waterweed (<i>Egeria densa</i>) - Parrot feather watermilfoil (<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> or <i>M. brasiliense</i>) - Scotch thistle (<i>Onopordum acanthium</i>) - Musk thistle (<i>Carduus nutans</i>) - Poison hemlock (<i>Conium maculatum</i>) - Field Scabious (<i>Knautia arvensis</i>)
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WEED CONTROL COST SHARE CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Submit this portion of the application after treatment of weeds has occurred

Date(s) of treatment _____

Was the weed control contracted out or done by yourself? Contracted Self

 If contracted, name of commercial applicator _____

Herbicide used and rates

1. _____ /acre

2. _____ /acre

3. _____ /acre

Approximate area of weed infestation that was treated (sq ft or acres) _____

Total purchase cost of weed control _____

Make reimbursement payable to:

Name on reimbursement

Mailing address, city, state, zip

Signature of applicant

Date

PLEASE ATTACH COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS TO THIS CLAIM FORM

Submit claim and receipts to:

Gallatin County Weed District
903 N Black Ave.
Bozeman, MT 59715

OR email:

weeddistrict@gallatin.mt.gov

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For office use:

Weed District portion _____ x 25% = _____

Gallatin Watershed Council portion _____ x 25% = _____