**NOTICE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND DECLARED PESTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN this 1st  day of April , 2015 pursuant to SDCL 38-22 as amended to all owners, occupants, agents and public officials in charge of lands in Davison County, South Dakota, that they are responsible for the suppression, control, and eradication of noxious weeds and declared pests infestations that may exist on such lands.

Chemical, biological, and / or cultural control methods used for the suppression, control and eradication of noxious weed and declared pest infestations shall be those approved for such purposes by the Davison County Weed and Pest Supervisor, County Agricultural Extension Agent or the South Dakota State University Experiment Station.

Upon failure to observe this notice, the county weed and pest board is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the noxious weeds or declared pests destroyed by such methods as they may find necessary, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be entered as a tax against the land, and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected, or by other means as provided by law.

Plant and animals designated as being noxious weeds and declared pests in the state of South Dakota are Leafy Spurge, Salt Cedar, Perennial Sow Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canada Thistle, Purple Loosestrife, and Gypsy Moth.

In addition, Absinth Wormwood (Wormwood Sage), Musk Thistle, Bull Thistle and Plumeless Thistle and Yellow Toadflax have been approved by the State Weed and Pest Control Commission as locally noxious weeds and declared pests for Davison County and are subject to the same suppression, control, and eradication requirements as the before mentioned plants and animals.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that upon establishing probable cause to believe a noxious weed or declared pest infestation exists upon any property in Davison County, a representative of the Davison County Weed and Pest Control board will enter upon said property for the purpose of inspecting and confirming that such infestation actually exists.

**PUBLIC NOTICE – SPRAYING ROADS**

Davison County will be spraying County and Township roads for weed control beginning approximately the 1st day of May, 2015. Anyone having shrubs, trees, and/or gardens that could be injured or harmed or persons that do not want the roads adjoining their property sprayed and choose to mow or control the trees and all noxious weeds themselves or persons who do not want the ditches sprayed because grasses are used for agricultural feed stuffs or hay, **MUST** come into the office and sign a HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE RESTRICITION REQUEST.

The Weed Department has white marking flags that they will give to you at no cost to mark the area you do not want sprayed.

The chemicals used to control noxious weeds in the rights-of way may have haying and grazing restrictions.

Persons needing assistance or that have questions concerning noxious weed control should contact the Davison County Weed Supervisor, Warren Carter, at 605-995-8625 or SDSU Extension Office Answer Line, 605-995-7378. Information can also be found online www.IGrow.org.

Warren Carter, Weed Supervisor

Davison County Weed and Pest Board