

Flathead County Weed Control District Revegetation Policy

In an effort to control noxious weed spread and propagation (7-22-2116); and to control the invasion of new invasive weed species (MCA 7-22-2109); and to promote and enforce noxious weed-free lands on both public and private properties; and according to MCA 7-22-2152, the Flathead County Weed Control District adopts the following revegetation policy.

Any County road right-of-way that is disturbed in any manner must be reseeded by the contractor or the utility company responsible, to the satisfaction of the Flathead County Weed Control District.

Certified weed seed-free blend of specific grasses that is absent of legumes and broadleaves (so as not to attract deer) that contains a mixture of 34% Potomac Orchard Grass, 33% Smooth Brome Grass, and 33% Fawn Tall Fescue must be used. Grass seed percentages should not exceed + or – 2% variance. Orchard grass shall be of minimum 85% germination, Smooth Brome shall be a minimum of 95% germination, and Tall Fescue shall be a minimum of 95% germination. Any other type of grass may not be used unless approved by the Flathead County Weed Control District.

Standard rotary seed spreaders, drills or hydroseeders are acceptable means of seed distribution. **The rate of reseeding shall be *no less than 25 pounds per acre*.** Seeded areas should then be covered by raking or harrowing in, or covered with certified weed free hydroseed mulch, or certified weed seed-free straw.

A 16-16-16 fertilizer should be applied (when feasible) at the rate of 100 lbs. per acre during the revegetation process.

Upon request, the Flathead County Weed Control District may require proof of seed application.

If germination does not meet standards set by the Flathead County Weed Control District, the responsible party or entity shall reseed the area in question until the standards of the Department are met.

Reseeding shall occur after completion of the project, either between April 15 and June 15 or between October 1 and November 15.

Failure to comply with this policy shall result in the Flathead County Weed Control District conducting the revegetation and the responsible party charged supplies, equipment, labor and penalty following current Department standard charges for such services.