Kathy Grotto

Subject: FW: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center

From: McDonald,Mike [mailto:mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 11:00 AM
To: Kathy Grotto
Subject: RE: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center

Kathy:

The 75 ft setback should suffice given it appears suitable habitat is now limited to the area within the setback. The only other suggestion would entail the use of herbicides within the setback in the event if noxious weeds become a problem. Suggestion would be 1) plant i.d. training, 2) spot spraying only (targeting individual noxious plants) 3) no broadcast herbicide spraying, and/or 4) use of mechanical means to remove individual noxious plants (pulling, cutting, etc.). Fire could also be a problem but that's something we already generally covered in our comment letter.

Hope this helps.

From: Kathy Grotto [mailto:kgrotto@co.blaine.id.us]
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2016 10:24 AM
To: McDonald,Mike
Subject: RE: 3 Creeks & the Idaho Conservation Data Center

Hi Mike,

I know you have received a copy of the report from Sawtooth Environmental Consulting, which documents the finding of 4 Bugleg Goldenweed plants at one location in the proposed Three Creeks Subdivision. The location appears to within delineated wetlands, but is certainly within the 75 foot wetland setback area (see attached plat). Since construction would not be allowed in the 75 feet on either side of the delineated wetlands, is there anything more that the County should do with regard to this sensitive plant?

Thanks!

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From: McDonald,Mike [mailto:mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov]
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EXHIBIT

Kathy:

Relative to potential plant and/or riparian-wetland issues associated with the property I looked at our wetland conservation priority database and our at-risk plant species database.

None of the riparian or wetland habitats within Croy Creek are on the priority list. Application of the County's riparian setback requirements should be sufficient.

One species of plant, bugleg goldenweed (Idaho SGCN and sensitive species with the USFS/BLM) was observed in northwest corner of the property in 1993 (see attached map). It was also detected in two places on the State land bordering the property to the south, in several locations around Richardson Summit, and in the Camp and Poison Creek drainages. This species is typically associated with wet meadows but does occur in wetter sites within sagebrush steppe habitat. In speaking with our botanist, it may have occurred on the property along the ag field edges in natural swales that stayed wet into the early summer or other low lying areas that received irrigation runoff. We have no idea if it still occurs on the property.

Not sure how you want to proceed with this info. Call if you'd like to discuss. Thanks.

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