

**Purpose and Scope**

This EFP applies to BCTS Kootenay Business Area Staff, Licensee, Permittee and Contractor workers involved in forest practices within the scope of the BCTS EMS. It describes specific requirements to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive plants. This EFP does not replace the requirements of legislation, licences, permits and contracts.

**Identification and Reporting:**

Be familiar with the INVASIVE PLANT INFORMATION PACKAGE provided, this includes;

- ✓ Understanding how to use Kootenay BCTS Invasive Plant Field Book and the identification of what to report in your operating area
- ✓ Location of applicable known infestation areas and any specified measures that apply.

Reportable invasive plants are those listed in the *Kootenay BCTS Field Book*.

Invasive plants in the Kootenay BCTS Field Book are to be reported within 30 days of discovery by any of the following options:

- ✓ Use a Smartphone Report-A-Weed BC applications (download either the [iPhone app](#) or the [Android app](#)), or
- ✓ Go to BC Government invasive plant online reporting website <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/HRA/invasive-species/reportInvasives.htm>

**Inspecting and Cleaning:**

- ✓ In areas of infestation, inspect vehicles, mechanized equipment, culverts, bridges and cattle-guards for presence of soil or plant material prior to being transported to or from work sites and, if present, plant and soil materials are to be removed.
- ✓ Inspections are to be documented.

**Grass Seeding:**

- ✓ Application of grass seeding is required to exposed soils in areas that include; cut and fill slopes of newly constructed roads, constructed or used landings, deactivated roads and any rehabilitated areas. Rehabilitated areas maybe exempt if the rehabilitated areas are to be re-vegetated through the planting of trees.
- ✓ Grass seeding is to occur during the first available spring or fall and not more than 12 months following the time of mineral soil exposure.
- ✓ Seed used is to be Canada Common#1 Forage Mix or better or a mix recommended by MFLNRORD range specialist.
- ✓ If utilizing a dry grass seeding method, seed shall be applied at a rate of 30 to 50 kilograms per hectare.