

## Appendix 7. Proposed Roles and Responsibilities of Land Managers for Invasive Plant Management in the Central Kootenay

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- **Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee** will assume the lead role in coordinating an invasive plant program in the region. Their main activities will include raising awareness and providing educational services to private and corporate land managers, and the general public. They will conduct inventories of invasive plants, and promote coordinated and collaborative management of invasive plants on public and private land.
- **Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and the Integrated Land Management Bureau** will provide technical advice and financial support for regional weed program as directed under their mandate, and be responsible for invasive plant management on Crown land under their jurisdiction in accordance the *Weed Control Act of BC*.
- **Ministry of Environment** will be responsible for inventory, monitoring and invasive plant management in provincial protected areas in accordance with provincial statutes and Ministry policy (Appendix 6; MOE 1997; MOE 1999).
- **Ministry of Forests and Range** will treat invasive plants on Crown range and forestland, service roads, with emphasis on invading new species, in accordance with the treatment strategies outlined in the *Pest Management Plan for the Southern Interior Forest Region Invasive Alien Plants* (MOF 2005). The Ministry program will also conduct inventory and monitoring within their jurisdiction, and assist the CKIPC in establishing biological control agents in mutually agreeable areas.
- **Ministry of Transportation** will continue to treat highways and secondary roads, gravel pits, and other areas under their jurisdiction using the methods and standards outlined in *Pest Management Plan for the West Kootenay and Rocky Mountain Districts of the Southern Interior* (MOT 2003).
- **Regional District and Municipalities** will be encouraged to participate in managing invasive plants in Regional District Parks, gravel pits, maintenance areas, and rights-of-ways, and municipal-owned properties within the Regional District of Central Kootenay as interpreted through the *Community Charter Act*. The Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary has funded invasive plant control in Electoral Area ‘A’ and will be encouraged to continue this funding in the future.
- **BC Hydro** operates under the *Pest Management Plan for Management of Vegetation at BC Hydro Facilities* (BC Hydro 2006). This plan describes the methods and standards they employ for inventory, monitoring, and treatment of invasive plants on all lands and facilities associated with their operations. BCTC also financially supports local cattlemen’s association weed control programs where power lines cross private ranch land.
- **BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC)** has transmission lines and support facilities throughout most of British Columbia except in the Kootenay and Boundary regions between Creston and Rock Creek. The corporation operates under an *Integrated Pest Management Plan for Control of Vegetation Within Transmission Rights-of-way* (BCTC

2005). The plan describes methods for vegetation management along transmission corridors including control of invasive plants.

- **Canadian Pacific Rail** will treat invasive plants on all track ballasts, CPR rights-of-way, station grounds, railway yards, maintenance areas, and all other areas under their jurisdiction using the methods and standards outlined in *Integrated Vegetation Management Plan* (CPR 2005).
- **Columbia Power Corporation** will inventory and manage invasive plants on their private lands and rights-of-way in accordance with the *Weed Control Act of BC* and in coordination and collaboration with existing PMPs that cover their areas of operation.
- **Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - Columbia Basin** manages invasive plants on approximately 1500 ha of land in the Pend d'Oreille valley. Invasive plant priorities, inventory and monitoring procedures, and treatment options are described in the Pend d'Oreille Valley Noxious Weed Pest Management Plan 2004-2009 (CGFWC 2004).
- **FortisBC Inc.** has transmission lines and support facilities throughout most of the Central Kootenay CKIPC area. The corporation is working under the *Rights-of-way Vegetation Management Plan* (FortisBC 2005), which describes the methods and standards they employ for inventory, monitoring, and treatment of noxious weeds on all lands and facilities associated with their operations.
- **Teck-Cominco Metals Ltd.** will inventory and manage invasive plants on their private lands in accordance with the *Weed Control Act of BC* and their corporate policy for land restoration.
- **Terasen Gas** will inventory, map, apply invasive plant control treatments, and monitor sites in their jurisdiction as specified in the *Southern Crossing Pipeline Noxious Weeds and Weeds of Management Concern Prevention and Control Plan* (Terasen Gas 2005).
- **Forest Companies, Community Forests and Woodlots Licensees** will implement measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants on Crown land according to approved Forest Stewardship Plans under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. A draft invasive plant management strategy is being developed for Tree Farm License (TFL) 23 which will describe priority plants, inventory and mapping procedures, and appropriate treatment options for the TFL.
- **Livestock Tenure Holders** will implement invasive plant control measures according to approved Range Stewardship or Range Use Plans under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.