

Yellow Starthistle

Category 1: Weed Alert

No known infestations in the CKIPC area.
Extremely high priority for reporting.

Centaurea solstitialis

Family: Asteraceae (Sunflower).

Other Common Names: St. Barnaby's thistle.

Origin: Europe.

Growth Form/Reproduction: Winter annual. Seed.

Identification: Single flower heads are yellow and have sharp, straw-coloured thorns with are up to 2 cm long. Winged, heavily branched, rigid stems are covered in cottony hairs. Basal leaves are deeply lobed while upper leaves are entire (smooth-edged) and sharply pointed. Mature plants are 60-90 cm tall.

Legal Status Central Kootenay: FRPA, CCA.

Habitat: Shade intolerant. Adapted to soils ranging to well-drained shallow and rocky soils on sites where annual precipitation varies from 25 - 100 cm. Disturbed sites, grasslands, pastures, roadsides, and cropland.

Status and Distribution: None known in the Central Kootenay

Proximity Distribution: Stevens County, Washington.

Management Objectives for Central Kootenay:

- To prevent spread of this species into the Central Kootenay
- Immediately report any sightings and eradicate plants.

For More Information:

- www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/starthistle.htm
- www.weedsbc.ca/weed_desc/yel_star.html#



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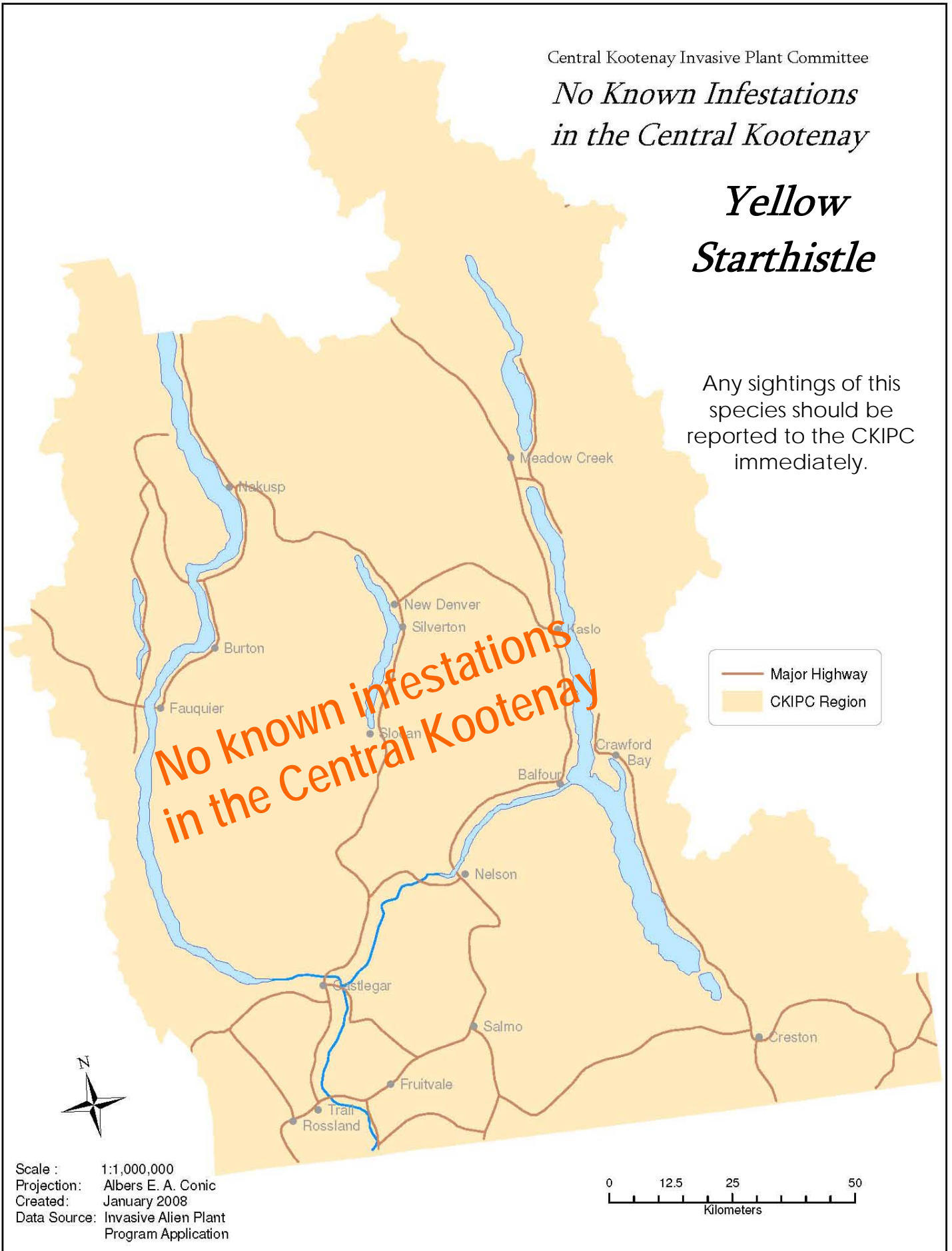
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Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee

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