

(Statement in support of SB 117 to amend the state noxious weed law)

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing this letter of support for the listing of wild blackberries as a county option noxious weed.

As an invasive plant wild blackberries can be devastating to the productivity of a grassland, pose a danger to livestock and wildlife and can be a threat to the integrity of our grassland ecosystems.

For these reasons counties need to have the noxious weed designation option on wild blackberries to help ranchers and land owners control this destructive and invasive plant.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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