

Butte County Weed & Pest Department

117 5th Avenue

Belle Fourche, SD 57717

March 23, 2020

Dear Landowner,

The Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is writing you this letter to inform you that we have applied for a grant through the State and have received money to put towards the control of Phragmites.

We are asking you as the landowner to please help us determine where Phragmites is present in Butte County. We have seen an extreme increase in the amount of Phragmites found in Butte County Primarily along the Belle Fourche River. The Weed & Pest Dept. knows that the problem is present from the Wyoming State line to Vale, SD on the Belle Fourche River.

We are requesting that landowners let us know if they have Phragmites on their property, so we can help you eliminate the infestation problem this spring with pesticides. Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is hoping to get a sub-contractor in to spray the Phragmites with no cost to the landowners. Measures need to be done to keep the current problem from spreading throughout the entire county. Phragmites is best controlled in the Spring (May or June).

If you wish to opt out of having a sub-contractor spray your property, please let the Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. know right away, 605-892-4414 or 605-210-0082 (If no answer leave a message). However, please remember that all noxious weeds including Phragmites are required to be controlled.

Butte County Weed & Pest Dept. is extremely concerned with the rapid increase of Phragmites along the Belle Fourche River and in Butte County. We are encouraging landowners, operator, and neighbors to do everything possible to help us decrease/eliminate this problem. **If you have noticed Phragmites on your property and wish to have it sprayed, opt out of the spraying, or you would like your property inspected in this spring please call Sandy Hammill 605-210-0082.**

Sincerely,

Butte County Weed & Pest Dept.

Thank you for helping control the noxious weeds in Butte County!!!!