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STATE OF COLORADO
Department of Natural Resources
Board of Land Commissioners

Policy # 96-1

**POLICY CONCERNING THE USE OF NOXIOUS WEED-FREE PRODUCTS ON
STATE TRUST LANDS**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Land Commissioners has the responsibility to preserve and enhance the long-term productivity and value of the states trust land assets;

WHEREAS, the State Board of Land Commissioners has a goal of promoting increased annual revenue to the trust beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board's lease documents require operations on the Premises to be conducted in a manner which protects soil fertility and forage production, and does not contribute to soil erosion, over-grazing, noxious weeds or pests.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board's policy for ensuring the above objectives is to require the following statement in all qualifying recreational leases and special use permits:

“Lessees, permittees, contractors and other users who have leased or otherwise have the right to use state trust lands for recreational purposes are required to use certified noxious weed-free vegetative products, or use other approved products such as processed grains or pellets. State trust lands in Colorado, at all times of the year, shall be closed to the use of imported vegetative products that have not been certified as free-of noxious weeds: Certification will comply with "State Standards" or "Regional Standards" jointly developed by the cooperating federal and state agencies”.

This policy is intended to minimize the spread of noxious weeds by hunters and other recreationists and lessees/permittees who bring hay or other vegetative products onto state trust lands in the course of recreating or using state trust lands. Certain other statutory provisions also apply to agricultural lessees of state trust lands.

This policy is effective: October 3, 1996

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