

FRANKLIN COUNTY KOCHIA POLICY

The control of Kochia (Kochia scoparia) is required on all lands in the Eastern and Northern portion of Franklin County. It is encouraged that effective herbicide control programs be implemented, if possible, prior to six (6) inch height. The Weed Board staff can provide a weed control plan with landowners/operators.

The boundary is established as follows; beginning at the Snake River and running North 400 feet west of the Burlington Northern Railroad main line which runs from Pasco North to the intersection with Highway 17. The boundary will then follow Highway 17 north to R-170. At the intersection of R-170 and Hwy 17 the boundary turns west and follows R-170 to Ranger Drive. At the intersection of Ranger Drive, the boundary will turn west and continue to the Columbia River. All areas East and North of this line will be in the control area. Municipalities shall be included in this control area.

All landowner/operators within the area West and South of the boundary shall in no way abandon control efforts. The only way that we can ever decrease the problem is if those landowners/operators maintain or increase their control programs. The Weed Board may move the boundary further West in future years. (Adopted 4/2004)

