Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.  
(Lumberjack RC&D)  
Pesticide usage resolution

WHEREAS, Lumberjack RC&D has established itself, along with other state RC&D's, as a valuable local partner in invasive species education, prevention and control, excelling at collaborating with counties, municipalities, invasives groups, scientists, volunteers, lake groups, non profits and other partners; and

WHEREAS, all invasive species organizations fiscally managed or sponsored by Lumberjack RC&D shall make every possible effort to control and/or manage invasive species throughout their region using non-chemical control options wherever possible and practical; and

WHEREAS, prevention and education are key to staving off invasives and it is recognized that eradication by use of pesticides, for which a license may or may not be required, is occasionally a necessary tool for assuring control; and

WHEREAS, Lumberjack RC&D provides fiscal sponsorship to one or more invasive species organizations or provides employment services for organizations engaged in invasive species related activities who may become engaged in invasive species control work which might include the use of pesticides for which a license is or is not required; and

WHEREAS, Lumberjack RC&D wishes to minimize and/or eliminate its liability exposure resulting from pesticide usage, for which a license is or is not required, associated with those invasive species organizations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Lumberjack RC&D Council that invasive species organizations fiscally sponsored by Lumberjack RC&D and working within the Lumberjack RC&D nine-county service area that deem the use of pesticides, for which a license is or is not required, as necessary and appropriate will follow all applicable Wisconsin Law as stated in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 94.67 through 94.71 (http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/94.pdf) and Chapter ATCP 29 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code (http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/atcp/020/29.pdf).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by Lumberjack RC&D Council that invasive species organizations fiscally sponsored by Lumberjack RC&D or those that wish to organize a project which deems the use of pesticides as necessary and appropriate, prior to application, should first obtain

An approved Lumberjack Pesticide Authorization Form from the Executive Committee of Lumberjack RC&D Council for each grant, project or case. The form requires the applicant to provide reference to applicable WI statute and code allowing application by person(s) engaged in the process and based on applicable WI Law, the applicant is required to provide Proof of Individual's Pesticide Applicator’s License or Proof of Commercial Pesticide Applicator’s License & Insurance and a signed Lumberjack Hold Harmless Agreement when assisting private landowners on their own private lands; and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that documentation of pesticide use be mandatory and follow grant/project guidelines and be housed at the Lumberjack RC&D Administrative Office. Involvement in pesticide usage for which a license is or is not required and not following the above by any organization fiscally sponsored by or any individual employed by Lumberjack RC&D is prohibited. This policy will be valid indefinitely and may be amended at any time by the Executive Committee of Lumberjack RC&D.

Adopted this 28th day of April, 2016 by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

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