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2081.2 Prevention and Control Measures

All seed or seed mixes to be used on the Tonto National Forest are required to be certified weedfree for those seeds listed on the Tonto weed seed list at http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/naturalResources/Invasive-Weeds/index.shtml, as well as those prohibited and restricted noxious weed species found in the USDA "State Noxious Weed Requirements Recognized in the Administration of the Federal Seed Act" publication at http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRD3317318.

The following procedure will be used:

Any seed used on the Forest must be purchased from a licensed seed dealer.

Each seed lot used alone or in a seed mix will have a certificate, signed by a Registered Seed Technologist or Seed Analyst (certified through either the Association of Official Seed Analysts or the Society of Commercial Seed Technologists), certifying that lot has been tested for the fifty-state weeds list, in accordance with the Association of Official Seed Analysts standards within 12 months prior to date of application. The certificate will include:

- 1. Name and address of laboratory
- 2. Date of test
- 3. Lot number for each kind of seed
- 4. Name of seed
- 5. Percentage of germination
- 6. Percentage of purity
- 7. Percentage of weed seed content and list of weeds identified
- 8. Certification that the seed lot meets applicable state and federal laws with regard to prohibited and restricted noxious weeds
- 9. Certification that seed is free of seeds listed on the Tonto weed seed list.

If no seed lots of a given species can be found entirely clean of weed species on the above lists, and the species is deemed essential to a project, contact the Forest Invasive Species Program Manager for exceptions.