

Weed-Free Feed

It is a good idea to start your animals on weed-free feed one or more days before your trip? This practice ensures the animals can eat the feed and that weed seeds won't be transported in their manure. If entering a national park they want you to start the feed one week prior.

ANY federal lands (USFS, NPS, BLM, Wildlife, etc.) require the use of the feed. Washington State lands at this time do not.

It does not matter where you purchase the feed or the source (it can come from another state.)

Make sure your vehicles, trailers, boots, and your animal's coat and feet (both stock and dogs) are cleaned of weed seeds prior to your trip. Finally, keeping vehicles on roads and in designated parking areas also helps minimize the spread of weeds.

Your favorite feed store should be able to obtain the feed for you. Just give them at least two weeks notice.

For more information go to <http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/WWHAM/WWHAM.aspx>

Commerically processed feed pellets and steamed, rolled grains are considered weed-free feed and do not need additional certification.

Weed-Free certification does not guarantee a complete absence of noxious weeds. It only certifies that the inspector made a reasonable and prudent visual inspection and did not find any. It does not certify quality, protein content, maturity, etc.

If you are passing through lands that have the requirement and you do not unload you do not need to have weed-free feed.