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- ✓ **OUTREACH TO DECISION MAKERS**
Is the process for outreach known and ready for implementation?
- ✓ **OUTREACH TO PUBLIC**
Is the process for outreach known and ready for implementation? Are key stakeholders known?
- ✓ **LEGAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL-PERMITTING PROCESS**
Are permits in place or readily secured?

After response actions and monitoring has occurred.

- ✓ **FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**
Has the agency allocated funds for follow-up response actions informed by monitoring?



ARE WE READY?

Rapid Response Elements that are in Place for Kudzu

INITIAL DETECTION. Do standards exist for verification? Are experts known?

Yes. County weed boards are actively looking for this plant. State and County weed boards are working to educate the public and public awareness is aided by observation and stories from southeast USA where this plant is taking over entire forests.

THREAT-RISK EVALUATION. Have threats and risks to Washington been identified?

Yes, based on what this plant has done in similar climate situations in the southeast and mid-western USA.

AUTHORITY-RESOURCE INVENTORY. Is the responsible agency known and is funding available?

Yes. WSDA, the State Noxious Weed Control Board and the County weed boards have authority and funding to actively work on this.

DECISION TO ACT. Has agency approval and funding been provided?

Yes. Most County weed boards are funded to deal with initial infestations, and state law provides authority to require landowners to provide control.

RESPONSE DEVELOPMENT. Are control strategies known? Is an action plan in place?

Yes. Kudzu may require herbicides to be eradicated. Years of follow up are required if the plant has produced seed. Regional awareness and monitoring by the county weed boards would take place if an infestation was discovered.

OUTREACH TO DECISION MAKERS. Is the process for outreach known and ready for implementation?

Yes. The State Noxious Weed Control Board and the County weed boards are responsible for outreach at the state and local government levels.

OUTREACH TO PUBLIC. Is the process for outreach known and ready for implementation? Are key stakeholders known?

Yes, although it would vary slightly with each county.

LEGAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL – PERMITTING PROCESS. Are permits in place or readily secured?

Yes.

ACTION.

MONITORING.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS. Has the agency allocated funds for follow-up response actions informed by monitoring (adaptive management element)?

Yes. This is the responsibility of the County weed boards.