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Morton and Grant Counties to Host Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection Day July 1 at Lake Tschida

Mandan, N.D. – The Morton and Grant County Weed Departments will co-host a Leafy Spurge Beetle Collection Day on Tuesday, July 1 at 11:00 a.m. Central Time, at the Boy Scout Camp near Lake Tschida. The site is located about 14 miles north of Elgin or south of Glen Ullin along Highway 49. Signs will be posted along the highway to direct attendees.

The event is open to the public, and all are welcome to participate in collecting the bugs. Leafy spurge beetles are a critical biological control for managing the noxious weed Leafy Spurge, and this event provides landowners and producers an opportunity to collect beetles for introduction or reestablishment on their own property.

What to bring:

- A bug net (a limited number will be available to borrow or purchase on-site)
- A cooler with ice packs (no loose ice) to safely transport beetles

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

In addition, NDSU Extension will be available on-site with equipment to test water samples. If you have a stock dam or tank you would like checked for livestock safety, bring a sample with you.

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