Weed and disease hygiene for field workers

As workers engaged in field work on behalf of MRRCI travel around, it is important that they minimize their potential to spread weeds and disease.

In order to minimize the potential to spread weeds and diseases, field workers should

- 1. Ensure that vehicles, equipment and clothing arrive at work in a clean condition that minimizes the risks of introducing and transporting weed and disease threats.
- 2. Before entering a new area, as far as possible, identify the potential sources of weed seed and soil disease.
- 3. Wherever possible, avoid taking vehicles into an area known or suspected to contain seed of invasive weeds, or sources of soil disease.
- 4. Before leaving a field site, and moving on to another site, clean as appropriate according to identified risks, any vehicle, personal equipment or clothing to minimize the risk of spreading weeds and diseases into new areas. At a minimum, soles of boots should be cleaned of soil, and sprayed with a suitable disinfectant.

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