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Nardus stricta

Matgrass

Other common names:
wirebent, moor matgrass

Poaceae, the grass family
Category: CONTROL

Diagnostic Characteristics

- Perennial bunchgrass; fine-textured with tufts reaching 3 feet across
- Leaves are long, up to 16 inches, wiry in appearance, ¼ inch wide; appear narrow because blades are tightly folded
- Lower leaves bent at nearly right angles to stem
- Spikelets are only on one side of the stem, small, straw-colored, and tipped with short, straight awns

Background

- Native to eastern Europe
- Inhabits moist areas such as wet meadows
- Severed plant tufts stick to hooves of grazing animals and reproduce when transported to new locations
- Not palatable to most livestock

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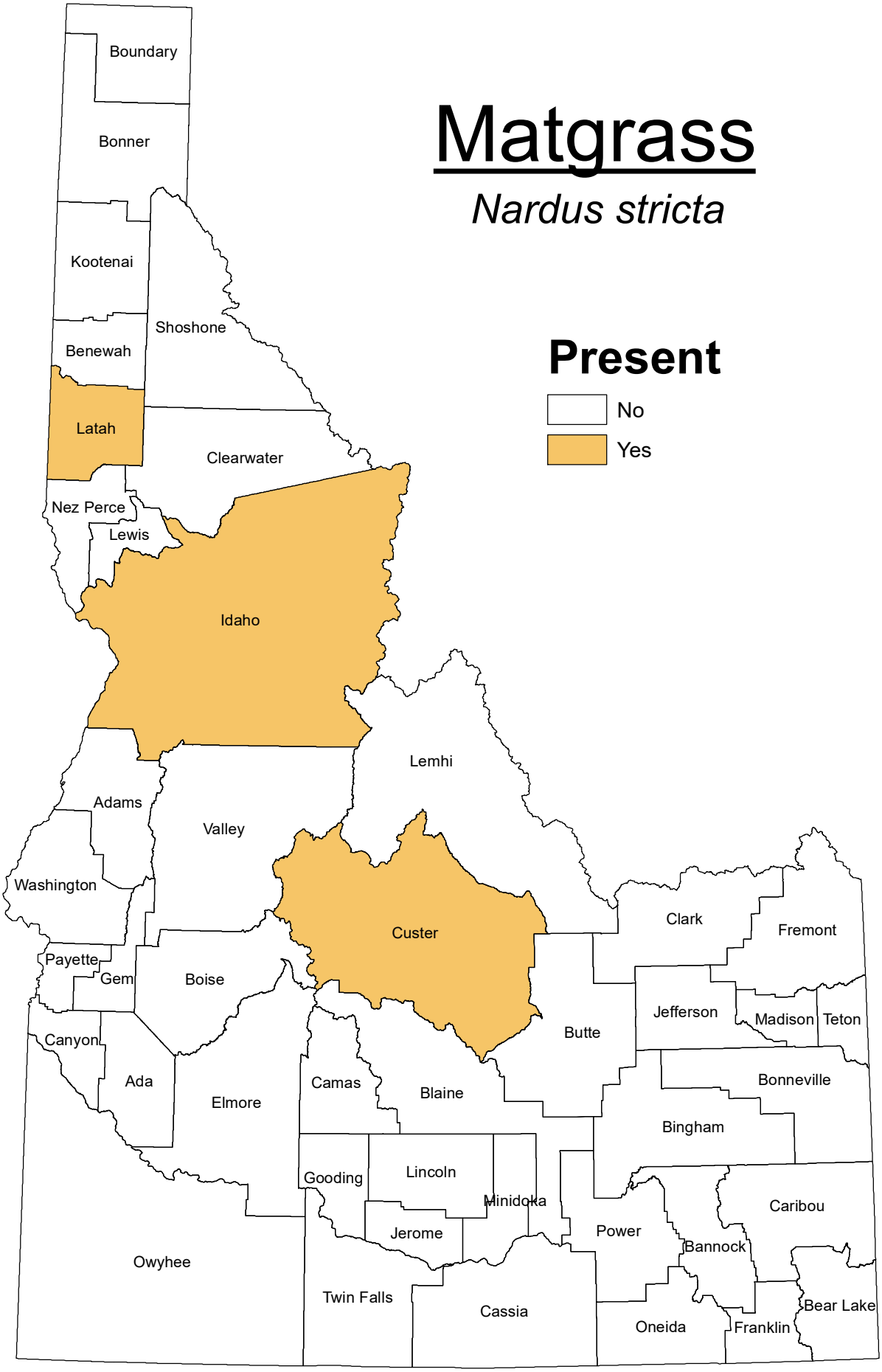
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