WEED RISK ASSESSMENT FORM		
Botanical name:	Phleum pratense L.	
Common name:	common timothy	
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Outcome score:

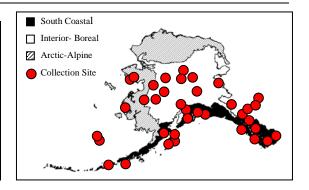
А.	Climatic Comparison	
	This species is present or may potentially establish in the following	
	eco-geographic regions:	
1	South Coastal	Yes
2	Interior-Boreal	Yes
3	Arctic-Alpine	Yes

B.	Invasiveness Ranking	Total (Total Answered*)	Total
		Possible	
1	Ecological impact	40 (40)	14
2	Biological characteristic and dispersal ability	25 (25)	14
3	Ecological amplitude and distribution	25 (25)	19
4	Feasibility of control	10 (10)	7
	Outcome score	100 (100) ^b	54 ^a
	Relative maximum score†		0.54

* For questions answered "unknown" do not include point value for the question in parentheses for "Total Answered Points Possible." \dagger Calculated as $^{a/b}$.

A. CLIMATIC COMPARISON:

	1.1. Has t	his species ever been collected or
	document	ed in Alaska?
Yes Yes – continue to 1.2		Yes – continue to 1.2
	No – continue to 2.1	
	1.2. Whic	h eco-geographic region has it been
	collected	or documented (see inset map)?
	Proceed t	o Section B. Invasiveness Ranking.
Ye	es	South Coastal
Ye	es	Interior-Boreal
Ye	es	Arctic-Alpine



Documentation: Phleum pretense has been collected in all ecogeographic regions in Alaska (Hultén 1968, UAM 2004, Weeds of Alaska Database 2004). Sources of information: Hultén, E. 1968. Flora of Alaska and Neighboring Territories. Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA. 1008 p. University of Alaska Museum. University of Alaska Fairbanks. 2004. http://hispida.museum.uaf.edu:8080/home.cfm. Weeds of Alaska Database. 2004. AKEPIC Mapping Project Inventory Field Data. Alaska Natural Heritage Program, University of Alaska - US Forest Service - National Park Service. Available: http://akweeds.uaa.alaska.edu/. 2.1. Is there a 40% or higher similarity (based on CLIMEX climate matching) between climates any where the species currently occurs and a. Juneau (South Coastal Region)? Yes – record locations and similarity; proceed to Section B. Invasiveness Ranking No b. Fairbanks (Interior-Boreal)? Yes – record locations and similarity; proceed to Section B. Invasiveness Ranking No c. Nome (Arctic-Alpine)? Yes – record locations and similarity; proceed to Section B. Invasiveness Ranking No - If "No" is answered for all regions, reject species from consideration Documentation: Sources of information:

B. INVASIVENESS RANKING

1. ECOLOGICAL IMPACT

1.1. Impact on Natural Ecosystem Processes

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A.	No perceivable impact on ecosystem processes		0
В.	Influences ecosystem processes to a minor degree (e.g., has a perceivable but mild influence on soil nutrient availability)		3
C.	Significant alteration of ecosystem processes (e.g., increases sedimentation rates along streams or coastlines, reduces open water that are important to waterfowl)		7
D.	Major, possibly irreversible, alteration or disruption of ecosystem processes (e.g., the species alters geomorphology; hydrology; or affects fire frequency, altering community composition; species fixes substantial levels of nitrogen in the soil making soil unlikely to support certain native plants or more likely to favor non-native species)		10
U.	Unknown		
	Score	3	
	Documentation: Identify ecosystem processes impacted: Timothy has the potential to inhibit secondary succession processes, and may modify native communities (Rutledge and McLendon 1996). Rational:		
	Sources of information: Rutledge, C.R., and T. McLendon. 1996. An Assessment of Exotic Plant Species of Rocky Mountain National Park. Department of Rangeland Ecosystem Science, Colorado State University. 97 pp. Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center Home Page. http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/Explant/explant.htm (Version 15DEC98).		
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1.2. Imp	pact on Natural Community Structure	
A.	No perceived impact; establishes in an existing layer without influencing its structure	0
В.	Influences structure in one layer (e.g., changes the density of one layer)	3
C.	Significant impact in at least one layer (e.g., creation of a new layer or elimination of an existing layer)	7
D.	Major alteration of structure (e.g., covers canopy, eradicating most or all layers below)	10
U.	Unknown	2
	Score Documentation:	3
	Identify type of impact or alteration:	
	Timothy is capable of creating of new herbaceous layer and it can occur at very high densities (I. Lapina – pers. obs.). Rational:	
	Sources of information:	
	Lapina, I., Botanist, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, University of Alaska Anchorage, 707 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Tel: (907) 257-2710 – Pers. obs.	
1.3. Imp	pact on Natural Community Composition	
А.	No perceived impact; causes no apparent change in native populations	0
В.	Influences community composition (e.g., reduces the number of individuals in one or more native species in the community)	3
C.	Significantly alters community composition (e.g., produces a significant reduction in the population size of one or more native species in the community)	7
D.	Causes major alteration in community composition (e.g., results in the extirpation of	10
	one or several native species, reducing biodiversity or change the community composition towards species exotic to the natural community)	
U.	Unknown	·
	Score	3
	Documentation:	
	Identify type of impact or alteration:	
	Timothy often dominates areas, reducing the abundance and diversity of native graminoid species (Esser 1993, I. Lapina – pers. obs., M. Shephard – pers. obs.).	
	Rational:	
	Sources of information:	
	Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i> . In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online]. U.S.	
	Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Fire Sciences Laboratory (Producer). Available:	
	http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/ [November 5, 2004].	
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	Division. Tel: (907) 743-9454 - Pers. obs.	
1.4. Imp	pact on higher trophic levels (cumulative impact of this species on the	
animals	, fungi, microbes, and other organisms in the community it invades)	
A.	Negligible perceived impact	0
В.	Minor alteration	3
C.	Moderate alteration (minor reduction in nesting/foraging sites, reduction in habitat connectivity, interference with native pollinators, injurious components such as spines,	7
	toxins)	
D.	Severe alteration of higher trophic populations (extirpation or endangerment of an	10
* *	existing native species/population, or significant reduction in nesting or foraging sites)	
U.	Unknown Score	
	Documentation:	5
	Identify type of impact or alteration:	

Timothy provides habitat and nesting cover for game birds, small mammals, and
waterfowl. It is highly palatable and nutritious forage for big game animals, and the
seeds are consumed by birds. (Esser 1993, Forage Information System 2004, USDA 2002). Timothy seedlings may hinder conifer seedlings establishment through resource
competition, allelopathy, attraction of harmful insects and animals, and increased fire
potential (Esser 1993). Pollen of timothy is known as allergen (Ohio State University
2004). Timothy is a host for number of plants diseases and nematodes, which may be a
problem for other species (Forage Information System 2004).
Rational:
Sources of information:
Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i> . In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online]. U.S.
Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research
Station, Fire Sciences Laboratory (Producer). Available:
http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/ [November 5, 2004].
Forage Information System. 2004. Timothy (Phleum pratense L.). Available:
http://forages.oregonstate.edu [November 4, 2004].
Ohio State University. Ohio Perennial & Biennial Weed Guide. Timothy Phleum
pratense. Available: http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/weedguide/ [November
4, 2004].
USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), NRCS (Natural Resource
Conservation Service). 2002. The PLANTS Database, Version 3.5

(<u>http://plants.usda.gov</u>). National Plant Data Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70874-4490 USA.

Total Possible	40
Total	14

2. BIOLOGICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND DISPERSAL ABILITY

2.1. Mode of reproduction

A.	Not aggressive reproduction (few [0-10] seeds per plant and no vegetative reproduction)	0
B.	Somewhat aggressive (reproduces only by seeds $(11-1,000/m^2)$	1
C.	Moderately aggressive (reproduces vegetatively and/or by a moderate amount of seed,	2
	$<1,000/m^2)$	
D.	Highly aggressive reproduction (extensive vegetative spread and/or many seeded,	3
	>1,000/m ²)	

U. Unknown

Score	2
Documentation:	
Describe key reproductive characteristics (including seeds per plant):	
Timothy reproduces mainly by seeds, and is a prolific seeder (Esser 1993, USDA	
2002)	
Rational:	
Sources of information:	
Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i> . In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online].	
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(http://plants.usda.gov). National Plant Data Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70874-	
4490 USA.	
2.2. Innate potential for long-distance dispersal (bird dispersal, sticks to animal hair,	
buoyant fruits, wind-dispersal)	

А.	Does not occur (no long-distance dispersal mechanisms)	0
B.	Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of	2

Infrequent or inefficient long-distance dispersal (occurs occasionally despite lack of B. adaptations)

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- C. Numerous opportunities for long-distance dispersal (species has adaptations such as pappus, hooked fruit-coats, etc.)
- U

U.	Unknown		
0.		Score	2
	Documentation: Identify dispersal mechanisms: The small, hard seeds are dispersed by wind and livestock (Esser 1993, Forage Information System 2004). However, there are no particular adaptations for long- distance dispersal. Rational:		
	 Sources of information: Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i>. In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online] U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Resear Station, Fire Sciences Laboratory (Producer). Available: <u>http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/</u> [November 5, 2004]. Forage Information System. 2004. Timothy (<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.). Available: <u>http://forages.oregonstate.edu</u> [November 4, 2004]. 	rch	
	tential to be spread by human activities (both directly and indirectly –	•	
-	e mechanisms include: commercial sales, use as forage/revegetation,		
-	along highways, transport on boats, contamination, etc.) Does not occur		0
A. B.	Low (human dispersal is infrequent or inefficient)		0
Б. С.	Moderate (human dispersal occurs)		$\frac{1}{2}$
D.	High (there are numerous opportunities for dispersal to new areas)		23
U.	Unknown		5
0.		Score	3
	 Documentation: Identify dispersal mechanisms: Timothy is commonly grown for hay and commonly escapes cultivation, becomir established in grasslands (Esser 1993, Rutledge and McLendon 1996, USDA 200 is also recommended for use for reclamation and erosion control (Elliott et al. 198 USDA 2002). Rational: Sources of information: Elliott, C.L., J.D. McKendrick, and D. Helm. 1987. Plant biomass, cover, and sur of species used for stripmine reclamation in south-central Alaska, U.S.A Arctic and Alpine Research. 19(4):572-577. Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i>. In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online] U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Resear Station, Fire Sciences Laboratory (Producer). Available: http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/ [November 5, 2004]. Rutledge, C.R., and T. McLendon. 1996. An Assessment of Exotic Plant Species Rocky Mountain National Park. Department of Rangeland Ecosystem Science, Colorado State University. 97 pp. Northern Prairie Wildlife 	2). It 37, vival]. rch	
	Research Center Home Page. http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/Explant/explant.htm (Vers 15DEC98). USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). 2002. The PLANTS Database, Version 3.5 (<u>http://plants.usda.gov</u>). National Plant Data Center, Baton Rouge, LA 7(4490 USA. elopathic		
А.	No		0

- A. No
- Β. Yes
- U. Unknown

		Score	2
	Documentation: Describe effect on adjacent plants: Timothy is allelopathic. Allelochemicals in the pollen reduce pollen germination other wind-pollinated grasses (Murphy and Aarssen 1995). Rational:	of	
	Sources of information: Murphy, S.D. and L.W. Aarssen. 1995. Allelopathyc pollen extract from <i>Phleum</i> <i>pretense</i> L. (<i>Poaceae</i>) reduces seed set in sympatric species. Internation Journal of Plant Sciences. 156(4): 435-444.		
2.5. Co	mpetitive ability		
A.	Poor competitor for limiting factors		0
B.	Moderately competitive for limiting factors		1
C.	Highly competitive for limiting factors and/or nitrogen fixing ability		3
U.	Unknown		5
υ.	CHKHOWH	a [•
		Score	2
	Documentation:		
	Evidence of competitive ability:		
	Timothy has intermediate competitive abilities. It can suppress the growth of oth grasses and dominate (Gasser 1968). Rational:	er	
	Timothy has excellent cold tolerance and winter hardiness. It will tolerate high st and thrives in partial shade (Esser 1993). It will tolerate flooding and high soil sa		
	levels (Forage Information System 2004).		
	Sources of information:		
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	Forage Information System. 2004. Timothy (<i>Phleum pratense</i> L.). Available:		
	http://forages.oregonstate.edu [November 4, 2004].		
	Gasser, H. 1968. A growth analysis of Phleum pratense and of Dactylis glomera		
	grown in pure and mixed stands at two densities. Botanical Gazette. 129	9(4):	
	351-361.		
2.6. For	ms dense thickets, climbing or smothering growth habit, or otherwis	se	
taller th	an the surrounding vegetation		
A.	No		0
B.	Forms dense thickets		1
D. C.	Has climbing or smothering growth habit, or otherwise taller than the surroundin	a	2
C.	vegetation	B	Z
U.	Unknown		
υ.	Chikhown	G	1
		Score	1
	Documentation:		
	Describe grow form:		
	This large grass can occur at high densities and shade out forbs and grasses (I. La	apina	
	– pers. obs.).		
	Rational:		
	Sources of information:		
	Lapina, I. Botanist, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, University of Alaska		
	Anchorage, 707 A Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Tel: (907) 257-2710 – Pe	ers.	
	obs.		
2.7. Get	rmination requirements		
A.	Requires open soil and disturbance to germinate		0
В.	Can germinate in vegetated areas but in a narrow range or in special conditions		2
C.	Can germinate in existing vegetation in a wide range of conditions		3
U.	can germinate in existing vegetation in a wide funge of conditions		5

U. Unknown

		Score	1
	Documentation:		
	Describe germination requirements:		
	Open soil facilitates germination and establishment of timothy. Competition from other species may prevent seedlings establishment (Forages 2004). Rational:	1	
	Sources of information: Forages. Topics: Species and Forage Variety Trials. Timothy. 2004. Available: <u>http://www.forages.psu.edu</u> [Mart 2, 2004].		
2.8. Oth	er species in the genus invasive in Alaska or elsewhere		
А.	No		0
В.	Yes		3
U.	Unknown		
		Score	0
	Documentation:		
	Species: Few introduced species of <i>Phleum</i> are recorded in North America, but they are no listed as invasive (USDA 2004). Sources of information:	ot	
	USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). 2002. The PLANTS Database, Version 3.5 (<u>http://plants.usda.gov</u>). National Plant Data Center, Baton Rouge, LA 7 4490 USA.	0874-	
2.9. Aq	uatic, wetland, or riparian species		
А.	Not invasive in wetland communities		0
В.	Invasive in riparian communities		1
C.	Invasive in wetland communities		3
U.	Unknown		
		Score	1
	Documentation:		
	Describe type of habitat:		
	Timothy can be found on roadsides, along waterways, in dry to wet meadows (Gubanov et al. 1995, Rutledge and McLendon 1996). Rational:		
	Sources of information: Gubanov, I.A., K.B. Kiseleva, B.C. Novikov, B.N. Tihomirov. 1995. Flora of vas plants of Center European Russia. Moscow. Argus. 558 pp.		
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	Total Po	ossible	25
		Total	14

3. DISTRIBUTION

3.1. Is the species	highly domesticated	l or a weed of agriculture	

А.	No	0
B.	Is occasionally an agricultural pest	2
C.	Has been grown deliberately, bred, or is known as a significant agricultural pest	4
U.	Unknown	

Score 4

	Documentation: Identify reason for selection, or evidence of weedy history: Timothy was introduced to North America for use as hay and continues to be widely used today (Rutledge and McLendon 1996, USDA 2002). Rational:	у	
	 Sources of information: Rutledge, C.R., and T. McLendon. 1996. An Assessment of Exotic Plant Species of Rocky Mountain National Park. Department of Rangeland Ecosystem Science, Colorado State University. 97 pp. Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center Home Page. http://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/othrdata/Explant/explant.htm (Version 15DEC98). USDA (United States Department of Agriculture), NRCS (Natural Resource 		
	Conservation Service). 2002. The PLANTS Database, Version 3.5 (<u>http://plants.usda.gov</u>). National Plant Data Center, Baton Rouge, LA 708 4490 USA.	374-	
3.2. Kn	own level of impact in natural areas		
А.	Not known to cause impact in any other natural area		0
B.	Known to cause impacts in natural areas, but in dissimilar habitats and climate zone than exist in regions of Alaska		1
C.	Known to cause low impact in natural areas in similar habitats and climate zones to those present in Alaska		3
D.	Known to cause moderate impact in natural areas in similar habitat and climate zone	es	4
E.	Known to cause high impact in natural areas in similar habitat and climate zones		6
U.	Unknown	r	
	Sc	core	3
	Desumentations		
	Documentation:		
	Identify type of habitat and states or provinces where it occurs: It is the most widely distributed non-native in Glacier National Park (Montana), reducing graminoid species in native fescue grasslands and moist subalpine forests. has become established at medium to high elevations in grasslands and aspen and conifer forests (Esser 1993). It can be found in aspen-spruce-fir communities, occasionally in oak-sagebrush, pinyon juniper, and mountain brush communities in Colorado (Rutledge and McLendon 1996). Sources of information: Esser, L.L. 1993. <i>Phleum pratense</i> . In: Fire Effects Information System, [Online]. U	J .S .	
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3.4. Cu	rrent global distribution			
A.	Occurs in one or two continents or regions (e.g., Mediterranean region)			0
В.	Extends over three or more continents			3
C.	Extends over three or more continents, including successful introductions in arctic or subarctic regions			5
U.	Unknown	_		
	Score	e	5	
	Documentation: Describe distribution: Timothy is a native of Europe. It is now widespread in North and South America, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, including subarctic regions (Hultén 1968). Rational:	L		
	Sources of information: Hultén, E. 1968. Flora of Alaska and Neighboring Territories. Stanford University Press, Stanford, CA. 1008 pp.			
3.5. Ext	ent of the species U.S. range and/or occurrence of formal state or			
provinc	ial listing			
A.	0-5% of the states			0
B.	6-20% of the states			2
C.	21-50%, and/or state listed as a problem weed (e.g., "Noxious," or "Invasive") in 1 state or Canadian province			4
D.	Greater than 50%, and/or identified as "Noxious" in 2 or more states or Canadian			5
	provinces			
U.	Unknown	г		
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	Documentation: Identify states invaded: It is found in all 50 states and throughout Canada (Esser 1993). It is a restricted weed seed in New Jersey and Virginia (Invader Database System 2004). Rational:			
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4. FEASIBILITY OF CONTROL

- 4.1. Seed banksA. Seeds remain viable in the soil for less than 3 yearsB. Seeds remain viable in the soil for between 3 and 5
 - B. Seeds remain viable in the soil for between 3 and 5 years
 - C. Seeds remain viable in the soil for 5 years and more
 - U. Unknown

Score 2

0

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	Documentation:	
	Identify longevity of seed bank:	
	The seeds remain viable for 4 to 5 years in dry, cool places (Esser 1993).	
	Rational:	
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12 Ve	getative regeneration	
ч.2. v с А.	No resprouting following removal of aboveground growth	0
	Resprouting from ground-level meristems	
B.		1
C.	Resprouting from extensive underground system	2 3
D.	Any plant part is a viable propagule	3
U.	Unknown	
	Score	2
	Documentation:	
	Describe vegetative response:	
	Vegetative reproduction occurs through tillering. When plants are cut or plowed,	
	rooting stems may develop new plants (Esser 1993).	
	Rational:	
	Sources of information:	
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43 I.e.	vel of effort required	
4.3. Le	Management is not required (e.g., species does not persist without repeated	0
л.	anthropogenic disturbance)	0
B.	Management is relatively easy and inexpensive; requires a minor investment in human	2
D.	and financial resources	-
C.	Management requires a major short-term investment of human and financial resources,	3
	or a moderate long-term investment	
D.	Management requires a major, long-term investment of human and financial resources	4
U.	Unknown	
	Score	3
	Documentation:	
	Identify types of control methods and time-term required:	
	Hand pulling can be used for timothy control, and frequent cutting or mowing can	
	weaken overall plant health (Rutledge and McLendon 1996). Timothy stands also	
	become weak under continuous grazing (USDA 2002).	
	Rational:	
	Sources of information:	
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