

Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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The Invasive Species Bulletin provides you with all the latest news on invasive species in Montana and the region. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, contributions, questions, corrections, or comments.

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Montana News

Invasive Species Awareness Event, Monday, April 3

An educational event to spread awareness about the risks and impacts invasive species pose to Montana's waters and lands will be held Monday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Montana State Capitol rotunda in Helena.

During the event, hosted by the Montana Invasive Species Council, visitors can learn about invasive species issues, see life-size invasive species in costume – like the emerald ash borer – and play Whac-a-Mussel, an arcade game where you can beat back invasive species like zebra mussels from infesting new water bodies. “Clean – Drain – Dry” prevention measures also will be featured....[read more](#)

MISAC hosts Rapid Response exercise

The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) in partnership with USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Montana Disaster and Emergency Service is hosting a table top rapid response exercise on April 4, 2017. As part of the current Mussel Response, MISAC developed a draft Montana Dreissenid Mussel Rapid Response Plan in preparation for future detections. That plan will serve as the foundation for the exercise. The goal of the exercise is to not only improve, build upon, and test the plan, but to identify and prepare agency responders in the event of a new detection. This will be the first of a series of exercises to test and practice the state's rapid response framework.

DNRC Awards \$260,000 for Aquatic Invasive Species Grants

DNRC awarded nearly \$260,000 for 13 projects to prevent and control aquatic invasive species across Montana. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) offers state-funded grants for the prevention and

control of aquatic invasive species (AIS). The goal of the grants is to protect the natural resources of Montana from severe and unacceptable damage from aquatic invasive species. Pending legislative approval of funding for the next biennium, the next grant cycle will be announced by June 2017.

Funded projects include:

Applicant	Project Name	FY17 Award
University of Montana	Flowering Rush Biocontrol	\$15,000
Lincoln County Weed District	Lincoln County Baseline Monitoring	\$5,000
MSU Extension	Gallatin Co. 2017 Monitoring	\$10,000
City of Whitefish	Whitefish Lake Mussel Response Initiative	\$15,000
Pondera County CD	Pondera Co. Mussel Response (Lake Frances, Swift Reservoir)	\$5,000
CSKT	K9 Inspection Program	\$15,000
CSKT	Enhancing Awareness of Invasive Species on the Flathead Indian Reservation	\$11,200
Lewis & Clark CD	Monitoring Coordination	\$5,000
Lower Musselshell CD	Musselshell Watershed Invasive Mussels Prevention Project	\$10,850
Missoula Co. Weed District	Blackfoot, Clearwater, Swan AIS Cooperative Program	\$45,780
Cascade CD/MRCDC	Central Montana Communities Missouri River Holter Dam to Cascade County	\$13,500
Petroleum County CD	Six counties surrounding Ft. Peck and the CMRNWR	\$7,567
Blackfeet Tribe	Watercraft Inspection Station Hwy 2	\$100,000

Regional AIS News

Visit the Aquatic Invasive Species Network at westernais.org for the latest AIS news in and around the region. (Thanks, Stephen)

Other

2017 MWCA Training Opportunities

2017 MWCA WESTERN SPRING WEED COORDINATOR TRAINING, March 22-23
Kalispell, Flathead South Campus Building

2017 MWCA EASTERN SPRING WEED COORDINATOR TRAINING, April 5-6
Miles City, Town & Country Club

TO learn more or register: <http://mtweed.org/events/>

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