

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. Email: shester@mt.gov

Montana News

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) is hosting the **Governor's Summit on Invasive Species April 12-13, 2016**, at the Gateway Center in Helena. The event is intended to engage stakeholders in an in-depth dialogue and examination of prevention, detection, rapid response, and management of invasive species in Montana. [Click here](#) to see how the agenda is shaping up. Registration will be open soon.
- **NOXIOUS WEED PETITION PERIOD.** Petitions for new plants to be added the Montana Noxious Weed List are being accepted until September 31, 2016. Visit agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/ for more information or contact Dave Burch at 406,444-3140 or dburch@mt.gov
- [MSU FEBRUARY WEED POST: Tall Buttercup](#) (Thanks, Jane Mangold)

Regional and National News

- **OFFICIALS WANT FERAL PIGS STOPPED** before they go hog wild (Thanks, Elizabeth, Galli-Noble). <http://www.goldstreamgazette.com/news/367708611.html>

- **WESTERN REGIONAL PANEL** February Updates (Thanks Leah Elwell)

Executive Committee Meeting - The Executive Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month. The Ex Comm last met on January 14th. All *approved* minutes from past Executive Committee calls can be found [here](#).

WRP Mid-Year Teleconference - Join us on March 16th at 2 pm mountain time to learn and share on WRP activities and upcoming work. A separate email with call-in information and agenda will be sent prior to the call.

Annual Meeting 2016 - Start Making Your Travel Plans - The WRP will hold their annual meeting in Jackson, Wyoming on October 19-21, 2016. Wyoming Game and Fish Department is hosting the event. The meeting and lodging will be at the [Snow King Hotel](#) in Jackson. **Suggest a topic for the Annual Meeting** - If you have any suggestions for a speaker or topic for the 2016 Annual Meeting, don't hesitate to contact the WRP Coordinator at leah@stopans.org

WRP Accepting Proposals to Host 2017 and 2018 Annual Meetings - The WRP Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to showcase your AIS Program. If you would like more details on what it takes to host an annual meeting or are ready to submit a proposal, please look at the attached file or contact the WRP Coordinator (leah@stopans.org)

Upcoming WRP Committee calls or workshops February 9th, 11 am mountain time: 2016 WRP Annual Meeting Planning conference call

February 9th, 1 pm mountain time: WRP Membership Committee conference call

February 19th, 10 am mountain time: WRP Building Consensus Outreach Workgroup

March 29: Coastal Committee workshop

If you would like more information on WRP committee work, simply contact the WRP Coordinator (leah@stopans.org)

- [EPA POSTS LIST OF PESTICIDES Registered to Combat Varroa Mites in Bee Hives](#) (1/28/16)

The EPA has posted a [list of pesticides registered for use against Varroa mites](#) to help beekeepers identify products that can help fight this invasive species of bee pest. As part of [EPA's role in the National Pollinator Health Strategy](#), the Agency has expedited its review of registration applications for new products targeting pests harmful to pollinators.

- [PROCESS CHANGES FOR REPORTING SIGHTINGS of Asian Carp, other Non-Native Aquatic Species](#)

Boaters, swimmers or other members of the public who see Lionfish, Asian carp, Zebra mussels or any other invasive or non-native plant or animal species have two options to report sightings.

Sightings nationwide should now be [reported online](#) to the U.S. Geological Survey's [Nonindigenous Aquatic Species Program](#), called the NAS, or directly [to state government natural resource agencies](#).

The public has been able to report sightings to the USGS and state agencies for some time, but with the discontinuation of a federal reporting Aquatic Nuisance Species hotline late last year researchers are trying to get the word out on the updated reporting system and the continued importance of reporting sightings.

"Sixty-seven percent of the invasive species alerts in the past five years have been based on information reported by the public," said Pam Fuller, a fish biologist with USGS and the leader of

the NAS Program. “We rely on the public to gather much of our data on aquatic invasive species. We depend on them to be our ‘early detectors.’ When you combine the information we receive from reported sightings with information we pull from other sources, we’re able to provide a national picture of species distribution.”

- **NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES AWARENESS WEEK**

National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW) is set for February 21-27. For information about programs, presentations and events taking place around the country, visit: www.nisaw.org/.

Other

- **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** [National Invasive Species Advisory Council. Deadline has been extended to February 18, 2016.](#)
 - **WA INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL** Executive Coordinator position open. <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/washington/jobs/1350404/executive-coordinator-wms2>
 - **INVASIVE SPECIES WEBINARS** during National Invasive Species Awareness Week
 - Monday, February 22, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: [Let’s take a hack at hack and squirt individual plant treatments](#)
 - Tuesday, February 23, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: [Volunteers Make a Difference in an Early Detection Rapid Response Citizen Science Program](#)
 - Wednesday, February 24, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: [Protecting the Sierra Nevada from Invasive Plants: Incorporating Climate Adaptation into Wildland Weed Management](#)
 - Thursday, February 25, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST: [Weed Wrangle: A Template for Engaging Local Communities through Citywide Invasive Plant Events](#)
- NISAW reception: Help observe National Invasive Species Awareness Week at a reception on Thursday, February 25th, held in cooperation with the Congressional Invasive Species Caucus, featuring refreshments and interactive exhibits from more than six federal agencies and cooperators, and a keynote address by the Honorable Kevin Shea, Administrator of the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

- **• AIS GRANT PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:** The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) is offering grants to local governments for the prevention, control, and management of aquatic invasive species (AIS). Applications are due March 15, 2016. Visit dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/aquatic-invasive-species for more information and for application materials. visit: www.nisaw.org/.

For more information about MISAC and to access archives of this e-newsletter go to: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/MISAC>

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