

# 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](mailto:shester@mt.gov)

## Montana News

- **REGISTER TODAY!!!!:** 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. Registration is \$50 per individual to cover the cost of meals. A limited number of scholarships are available. Summit details can be found at: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/MISAC/the-governors-summit-on-invasive-species/>

[Click here to register today!!](#)

- **EFFECTIVE WEED MANAGEMENT, COLLECTIVE ACTION**, and [Landownership Change in Western Montana \(TechLine Invasive Plant News\)](#)

Rural landscapes are increasingly diverse and heterogeneous, involving a mix of small and large parcels, amenity and agricultural properties, and resident and absentee owners. Managing invasive plants in landscapes with changing ownership requires understanding the views and practices of different landowners. We surveyed landowners in two rural valleys with 26% absentee ownership and a large number of small parcels in Missoula County, Montana.....

- **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/](http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Weeds/) for more information or contact Dave Burch at 406,444-3140 or [dburch@mt.gov](mailto:dburch@mt.gov)

## Regional and National News

- **INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES Framework to Safeguard the Nation's Lands and Waters from Invasive Species**

In response to the harmful impacts invasive species have on the Nation's natural and cultural resources, today the Department of the Interior released an interdepartmental

report, [\*Safeguarding America's Lands and Waters from Invasive Species: A National Framework for Early Detection and Rapid Response\*](#). The report proposes to stop their spread through early detection and rapid response (EDRR) actions—a coordinated set of actions to find and eradicate potential invasive species before they spread and cause harm.

- **UPDATE ON PNWER [Invasive Species Initiatives](#).** Learn more about PNWER's Invasive Species initiatives and find resources on quagga and zebra mussels at [pnwer.org/invasive-species](http://pnwer.org/invasive-species).

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:leah@stopans.org))

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

## Other

- **ECONOMISTS PUT A PRICE ON NATURE (Washington Post):** [Economists keep saying we should put a price on nature. Now they've finally done it.](#)
- **UNDERSTANDING HERBICIDES.** [Effective Herbicide Use Starts with the Label.](#) (TechLine Invasive Plant News)

- **• 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](http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/aquatic-invasive-species) for more information and for application materials.
- [AIS SPECIALIST POSITION at Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks](#) Closes March 18, 2016.

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