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Montana Invasive Species Council meets May 23

HELENA, Mont — The Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC) will hold its next meeting on May 23, 2018, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the State Capitol Building, Room 152 in Helena.

The morning portion of the meeting will focus on administrative business including a review and approval of revisions to the Council's budget. A discussion about the 2018 Governor's Summit on Invasive Species is also scheduled for the morning, which will focus on the Council's invasive species law review project—the theme of the 2018 Summit.

In the afternoon, the MISC will hear project updates including the recommendations resulting from the invasive mussel eDNA science advisory panel. Agency partners and stakeholders will also have an opportunity to provide invasive species updates to the Council. MISC committees including Education & Outreach, Data Management, Tree Pests, Firewood, and Invasive Trees will provide reports in the afternoon.

The MISC is a statewide partnership working to protect Montana's economy, natural resources and public health through a coordinated approach to combat invasive species. All MISC meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Stephanie Hester, MISC Coordinator at 406-444-0547.

A copy of the agenda appears below.

AGENDA

Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC)

May 23, 2018: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Montana State Capitol, Room 152

10:00 a.m. – Welcome and introductions

10:30 a.m. –Administrative Business

- Roll call and confirm quorum
- Action Item: Feb. 20 meeting minutes
- Action item: MISC revised budget
- Action item: Invasive Tree Committee, chair confirmation
- MISC Member Vacancies
- Other MISC updates

11:20 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. – 2018 Governor’s Summit on Invasive Species

- Law review preliminary gap results
- Listening sessions
- Summit planning/agenda items
- Western Governors’ Association Workshop

Break for lunch (on your own or join the Summit Planning Committee for a working brown bag lunch)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Project and Agency/Org. Updates

- Invasive Mussel Economic Impact Study
- Missouri River Pilot Project
- Science Advisory eDNA Panel
 - Action: Science Panel recommendation and next steps
- Upper Columbia Conservation Commission
- Emerging Issues (American Bullfrog)
- Agency/org. updates

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Committee Reports

- Education & Outreach (Kate Wilson)
- Data Management (Jed Little)

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- Action: Discussion and next steps on MT Natural Resources Information System (NRIS) invasive species field guides, environmental summary, and map viewer components
 - Tree Pest (Katie McKeever)
 - Action: Next steps on all-taxa Rapid Response Plan (MISC Framework Coordination Task)
 - Firewood (Amy Gannon)
 - Action: Recommendation on next steps from committee
 - Invasive Trees (Stephanie Hester)

3:30-4:00 p.m. - Wrap-up and Adjourn

- Public comment

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