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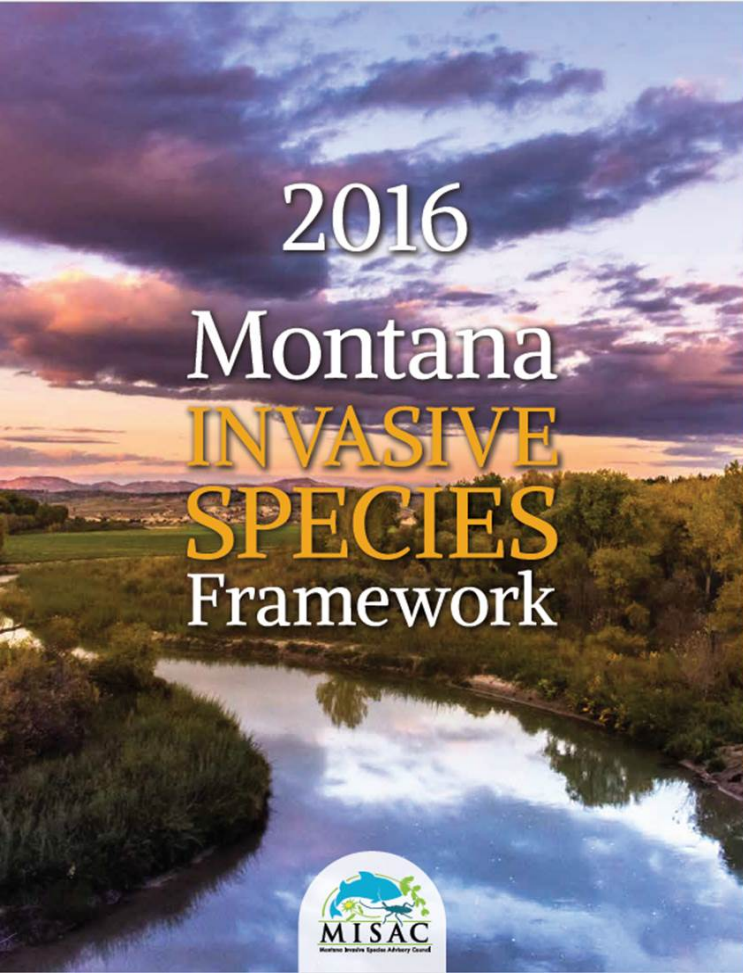


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2016 Montana INVASIVE SPECIES Framework



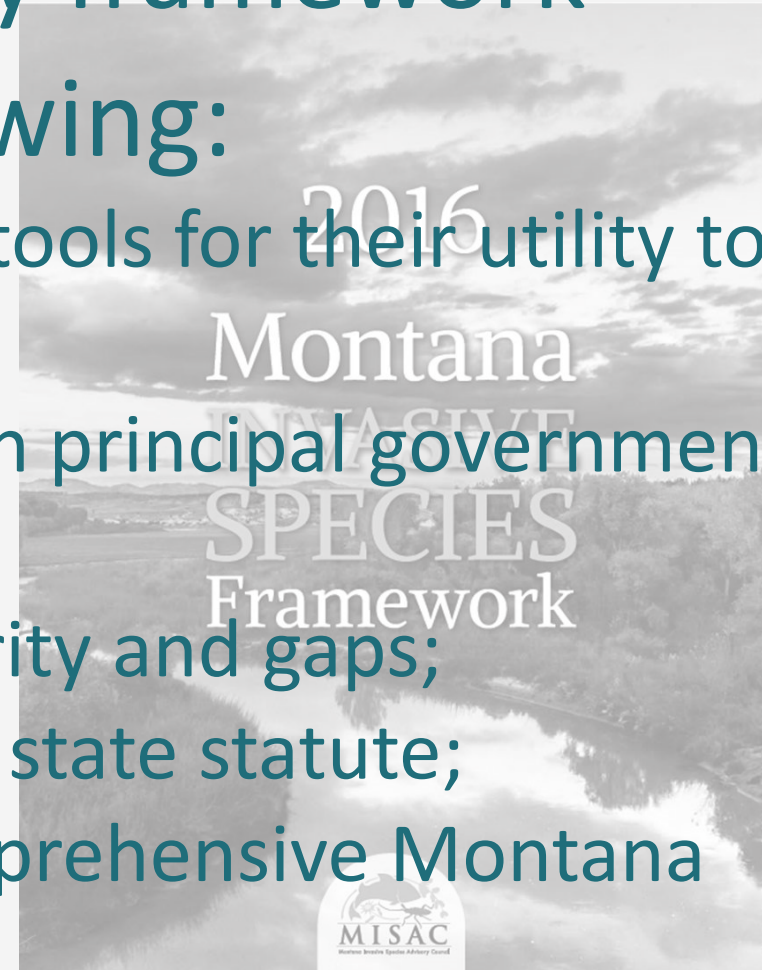
Task: Conduct a regulatory framework review to address the following:

- Identify regional regulatory tools for their utility to Montana;
- Clarify relationships between principal government agencies and weed districts;
- Identify enforcement authority and gaps;
- Identify approaches to unify state statute;
- Evaluate the need for a comprehensive Montana Invasive Species Act.

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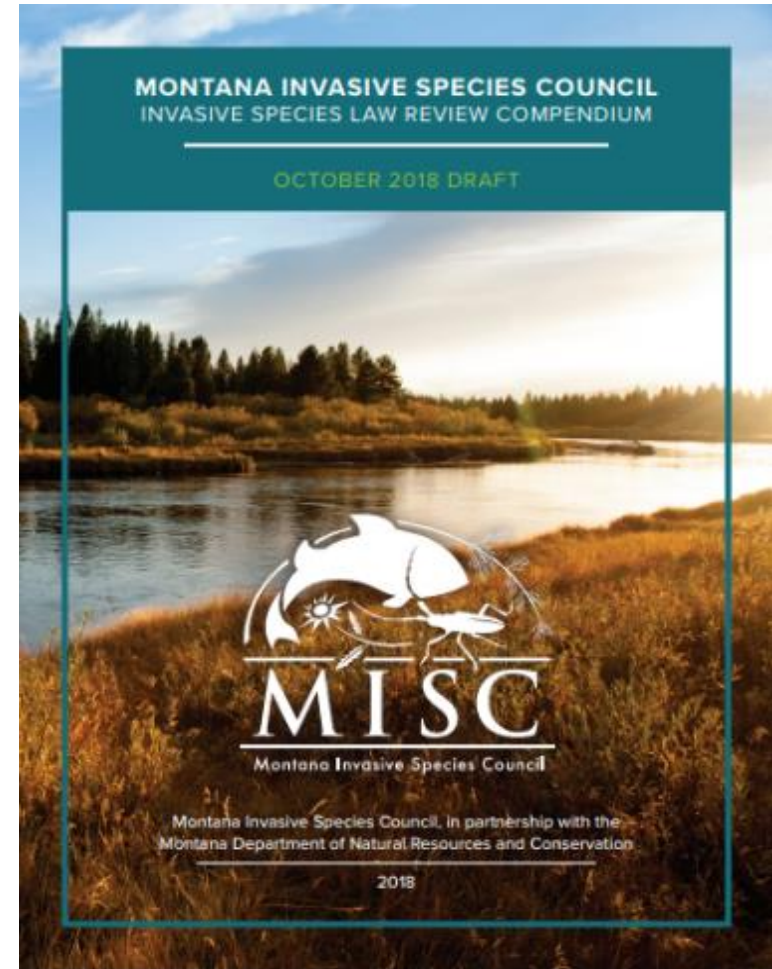


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Theme 1: All-taxa Invasive Species List

Develop a shared statewide set of priority invasive species to exclude from Montana.

- Expand authority to an all-taxa list of invasive species
- Assess and periodically reassess priority species

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Very likely	37.04%
Likely	40.74%
Neither likely nor unlikely	9.26%
Unlikely	7.41%
Very unlikely	1.85%
I'm not sure	3.70%

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Theme 2: Managing Pathways Instead of Species

Reduce the transport of invasive species into and within MT

- Strengthen perimeter defense
- Develop pathway specific regulations
- Assess the need to revise and create regulations addressing known pathways

Theme 2:
Managing
Pathways

	DO NOT SUPPORT	LITTLE SUPPORT	MODERATELY SUPPORT	SUPPORT	VERY MUCH SUPPORT
Level of support for managing pathways:	4.00%	8.00%	16.00%	38.00%	34.00%



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Theme 3: Aquatic Invasive Plants

Do you feel that the management of aquatic invasive plants is best addressed by state agencies, counties or private landowners?

Theme 3:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
State agency - Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks	26.09%
State agency - Montana Dept. of Agriculture	17.39%
State agency - Montana Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation	26.09%
Counties	8.70%
Landowners	2.17%
All of the above	43.48%

policy-makers, and other stakeholders to address invasive species issues. The 2018 summit will focus on the results of the Council's invasive species law review.



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How do we incorporate, and manage for the impacts of, species that both provide a benefit but have significant environmental impacts?

- Northern pike
- Russian olive
- Feral cats
- Feral horses

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Theme 5: Regulatory & Enforcement Needs

Key Regulatory and Enforcement Issues Identified by stakeholders:

- Enforcement of AIS Act
- “Pull the plug” rule
- WIS drive by penalties
- Noncompliance with Noxious Weed Control Act

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Theme 6:
Political
champions
& the next
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Senator
Mike Cuffe
Senate District 1



Senator
Russel Tempel
Senate District 14



Senator
Janet Ellis
Senate District 41



Representative
Alan Redfield
House District 59



Representative
Willis Curdy
House District 98

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