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Montana Invasive Species Council meets June 1, 2022

HELENA, Mont — The Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC) will hold its next meeting Wednesday, June 1, in Helena. The meeting will take place from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Montana State Capitol room 102, a virtual option will be available.

The meeting will commence with a welcome from Chair Bryce Christiaens. The Council will hear updates on the AIS grant program, Feral Swine, Salt Cedar, and the Firewood Science Advisory Panel recommendations. The Council will discuss and take action on proposed revisions to the AIS grant program guidelines.

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 about the meeting and to access meeting materials, visit

misc.mt.gov or contact Liz Lodman, Council Coordinator. A copy of the MISC meeting agenda for June is attached. A live stream video of the meeting can be found on Montana Legislative Division website at: <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00309/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20220601/-1/44632>

To participate via zoom, please use the following link: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/82495795535?pwd=MEZOWEN6Yjh1T2REdWlwd2xLN1Jpdz09>. If you have trouble registering using the link, please email EMoran@mt.gov with your name and a request. Written comments may be emailed to staff and forwarded to the Council.



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AGENDA



Note: Agenda is subject to change and times are approximate. Actual times may vary by up to one hour.

Montana Capitol, Room 102, Helena, MT. Hybrid meeting.

WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Bryce Christiaens
Welcome and roll call

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

9:10 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

*ACTION: March 2, 2022 meeting minutes
AIS Grant Cycle-2 Report

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

FIREWOOD SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL UPDATE

Leigh Greenwood, The Nature Conservancy
Amy Gannon, DNRC

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

BREAK

10:00 p.m. – 10:20 p.m.

MONTANA SALT CEDAR TEAM

Dan Rostad - Yellowstone River Conservation Districts Council

10:20 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

FERAL SWINE RESPONSE PLANNING

Dr. Tahnee Szymanski, Dept. of Livestock (invited)
Jared Beaver, MSU Extension (invited)

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MT NOXIOUS WEED EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Jane Mangold, MSU Extension

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AIS UPDATE & GRANT GUIDELINE REVISIONS

Tom Woolf, FWP
*ACTION: approve revisions

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MISC FRAMEWORK UPDATE PLAN

Review Framework to identify key areas for stakeholder input; develop plan in preparation for Summit

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WRAP UP AND ADJOURN

Location September meeting
Final discussion
*Public Comment

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*Public comment will be available during times the Council acts on items as indicated on the agenda and during the end of the meeting. To provide public comment, participants may "raise their hand" and participate after being recognized by the presiding officer or Zoom manager. Comments will be taken in order. Written public comment may be sent via email in advance of the meeting to emoran@mt.gov and will be provided to council members.

Any oral or written public comment provided to the committee is a public record that is recorded and archived.

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