

2022

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SUMMIT

Montana Invasive Species

Summit

#### **Uniting to Protect Our Natural Resources**

Assessing Montana's priority invasive species issues and collaborating to protect our lands, waters, cultural assets, and native species.



The Montana Invasive Species Council acknowledges that Montana exists on the ancestral lands of the Blackfeet, Crow, Cheyenne, Salish & Kootenai, Shoshone-Bannock, and Kalispel Nations. In addition, the Native Nations of the Assiniboine, Blackfeet, Chippewa, Crow, Gros Ventre, Kootenai, Little Shell Chippewa, Pend d'Oreille, Plains Cree, Salish, Sioux, and Northern Cheyenne now reside in Montana.

Today, we honor the path they have shown us in caring for this place for generations and for generations to come. 2022

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#### **Duties of the Montana Invasive Species Council:**

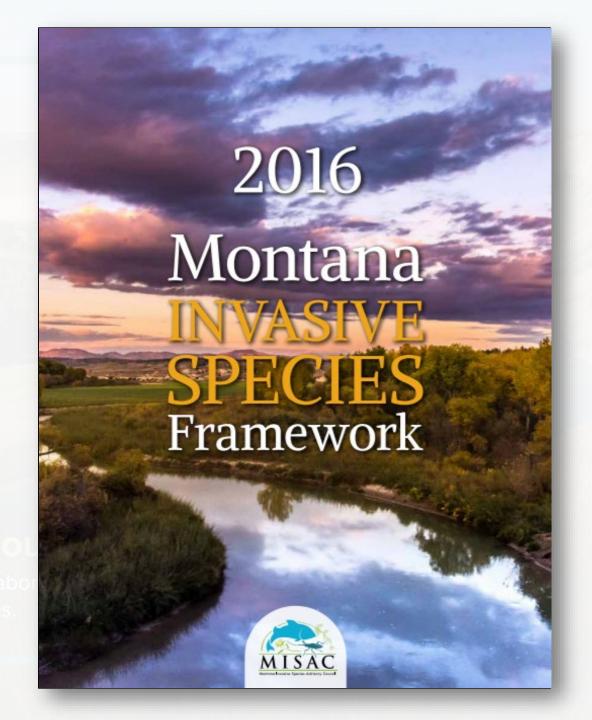
- Provide policy level recommendations, direction, and planning assistance for combating infestations of invasive species throughout the state;
- Foster cooperation, communication, and coordinated approaches that support federal, state, provincial, regional, tribal, and local initiatives;
- In coordination with stakeholders, identify and implement priorities for coordination, prevention, early detection, rapid response, and control;

#### Created by Executive Order on December 4th, 2014

**Purpose:** to advise the governor of Montana on a comprehensive program to identify, prevent, eliminate, reduce and mitigate the impacts of invasive species in our state.

- Implement an invasive species education and outreach strategy;
- Work with regional groups to coordinate regional defense and response strategies;
- Work toward establishing and maintaining permanent funding for invasive species priorities

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## 2022 Goals - Develop list of work priorities for MISC:

#### SPECIES

- Top invasive species
- Quantifying impacts
- Science Advisory Panels
- Increasing capacity

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## **Pre-work:**

# Listening Sessions August 24 & 25 Helena, MT

- 110+ individuals were contacted
- 55 individuals participated live
- 8 Stakeholders provided written or verbal comments
- Individuals had a background in federal, state, and county agencies, tribes, industry,

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GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL

## 2022 MONTANA INVASIVE SPECIES SUMMIT

#### AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022

Welcome

Our Shared Priorities and Planning for the Future

Top 10 Invasives Species

Quantify the Impacts of Invasive Species

Firewood Science Advisory Panel & Future Panel Topics

**Success Stories** 

Recognizing the Value of Invasive Species Management

**Summit Reception** 

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

Legislative Panel

Feral Swine Status Report

Techniques to Focus Efforts & Increase Capacity

Updates and Concerns from Montana's Neighbors

**Tourism and Recreation Research Tools** 

Sharing Your Message & Communication Planning

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

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## **Working meeting**

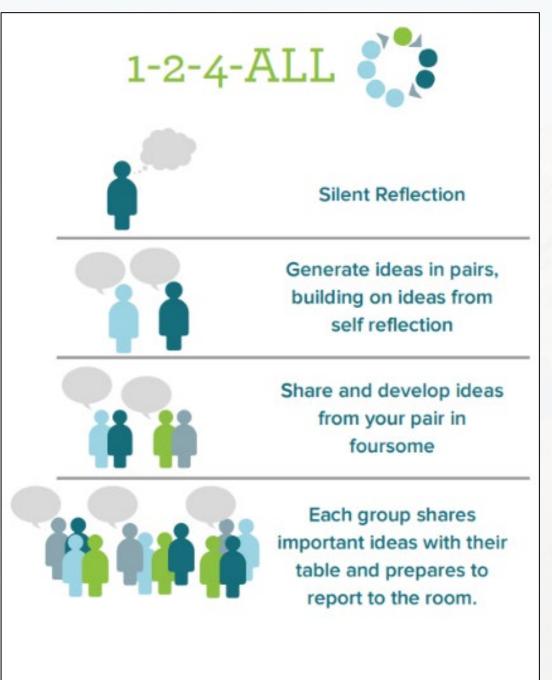
- Allows opportunity for all ideas and insights to be recorded;
- Allows for conversation and debate to refine insights and develop new ideas;
- Allows for us to quickly answer questions and set priorities collectively;
- Allows for us to quickly report to you the priorities discussed;

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