



Western Weed Coordinating Committee

New York New York Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV
November 28-30, 2017

The Western Weed Coordinating Committee (WWCC) is a voluntary organization made up of state and federal agencies, state weed coordinators, NGOs and many other entities all concerned about invasive species, particularly invasive plants. WWCC and its members are dedicated to preventing the introduction and spread of noxious weeds and undesirable plants in the western United States. The committee provides a forum for discussion and resolution of problems, and operates under bylaws established in 1994. More information about WWCC can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/wwcc/home>

MEETING AGENDA

(Final)

Monday, November 27

Mapping Standards Workshop
Monday, November 27, 2017
New York New York, Las Vegas Nevada
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

This workshop will take next steps toward sharing mapping data for invasive species, following up on work discussed at last year's WWCC Meeting and at the North American Invasive Species Forum this May in Savannah. The specific goal is to adopt mapping standards for invasive species mapping based on NAISMA mapping standards, the Darwin Core standard, and fields from other databases. We will be talking about how fields are named and formatted, how data is stored in different databases, and how shared data can best serve land managers and modelers. The workshop will focus primarily on terrestrial invasive species; aquatic species will be addressed in the future. Participants are asked to bring information on current data protocols from their state or region.

Please contact [Chuck Barger](#) if you are interested in attending so we may plan accordingly.

Tuesday, November 28

(Note: all times Pacific Time Zone)

Missouri River Watershed Coalition Annual Meeting	10:00 AM
WWCC Meeting convenes	1:00 PM
Welcome, Introductions Approval of 2016 meeting minutes Financial report Agenda review	
State agency updates – AK, AZ, British Columbia, CA, CO, ID, KS	1:30 PM
<i>The weed-suppressive bacteria prospect in western rangelands</i> <i>Matt Germino, Supervisory Research Ecologist</i> <i>USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, Boise</i>	2:10 PM
Federal agency updates – APHIS, BIA, BLM, BOR, DOD	3:10 PM

Break	3:50 PM
<i>Evaluating a long-term control strategy for managing invasive winter annual grasses: The time to act is now</i> <i>Dr. Derek Sebastian, VM Stewardship and Development Team, Bayer U.S.</i> <i>Shannon Clark, Ph. D. candidate, Colorado State University</i>	4:10 PM
State agency updates – MN, MT, NE, NM	4:50 PM
Adjourn for the day	5:15 PM

Wednesday, November 29

<i>Department of the Interior policy and management in the new administration</i> <i>Scott Cameron, Acting Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget, Office of the Secretary of Interior (via conference line)</i> <i>Hilary Smith, Invasive Species Coordinator</i> <i>U.S. Department of the Interior (on-site Q and A)</i>	8:15 AM
<i>Invasive species data initiative: Update and discussion</i> <i>Bill Whitacre, Policy Advisor</i> <i>Western Governors' Association, Denver</i>	9:00 AM
Break	9:30 AM
<i>Western Invasive Weed Action Plan</i> <i>Meghan Brown, Division Deputy Administrator, Plant Industry</i> <i>Nevada Department of Agriculture</i>	9:50 AM
Federal agency updates – NRCS, NPS, USFS, USFWS	10:35 AM
<i>Mapping Workshop Update</i> <i>Doug Johnson, Cal-IPC</i>	11:20 AM
<i>EDDMapS Update</i> <i>Chuck Barger, University of Georgia</i>	11:40 AM
Lunch (on your own)	Noon
State agency updates – NV, ND, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY	1:30 PM
<i>Legislative Discussion/Roundtable</i> <i>Topics: S.509/H.R.1330, other federal legislation, agency directives; also any state initiatives of note</i>	2:30 PM
Break	3:00 PM
NGOs, others updates – MRWC, Tamarisk Coalition, NAISMA	3:30 PM
<i>Northeast Wyoming Invasive Grasses Working Group –</i> <i>A Partnership to Strategically Manage Emerging Invasive Grasses</i> <i>Luke Sander, Sheridan County Weed & Pest</i> <i>Brian Mealar, University of Wyoming Extension, Sheridan</i> <i>Lindy Garner, R6 Invasive Species Branch, USFWS</i>	4:00 PM
Adjourn for the day	5:00 PM

Thursday, November 30

Final updates: USGS, ISAC, others remaining	8:00 AM
<i>Washington DC update on Weed Science Policy Issues</i> <i>Lee Van Wychen, Ph.D., Science Policy Director</i> <i>National and Regional Weed Science Societies</i>	8:40 AM
Roundtable Discussion – ED RR species & coordination of response <i>Starting off: Old world bluestems</i> <i>Allen White, Ph.D., Regional Coordinator for Invasive Species & Pesticides</i> <i>Southwest Regional Office, U.S. Forest Service</i>	9:30 AM
Break	10:30 AM
Roundtable Discussion – Open (Possible topics: Continue ED RR species, state laws across borders; WF forage, gravel, etc.)	10:45 AM
Meeting Ideas for 2018 (also feedback on current venue, dates, location, etc.)	11:45 AM
Adjourn the WWCC meeting	Noon
State Weed Coordinators Annual Meeting	1:00 PM

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