2015 WESTERN INVASIVE WEED SUMMIT

November 17 - 19, 2015
Wyndham Garden Boise Airport, Boise, ID, 83705

Joining to develop an action plan to guide invasive plant management in the West.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Virgil Moore, Master of Ceremonies

8:00 – 8:30 Gathering and Hosted Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome Address with Idaho Lt. Governor Brad Little

8:45 – 9:15 Managing Invasives to Conserve Healthy Landscapes
    JANICE M. SCHNEIDER

9:15 – 9:45 Invasive Plant Management in the West
    A Scientific Assessment
    DR. ROGER SHELEY

9:45 – 10:15 Landscape Perspective on Invasive Plants and Sage-grouse:
    Understanding Impacts and Managing Risks
    JEREMY MAESTAS

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:00 Overview of WAFWA Report, “Invasive Plant Management and
    Greater Sage-grouse Conservation: A Review and Status Report
    with Strategic Recommendations for Improvement”
    KEN MAYER

11:00 – Noon Panel: Management of Invasive Plants across the Range of the
    Greater Sage-grouse
    • Can We Stop Cheatgrass? Examples of Success – TED KOCH
    • Managing Weeds vs. Habitats – Wildlife Management and
      Weed Management Perspectives – DR. CHAD BOYD
    • Multi-jurisdictional Collaboration, Cooperation, and
      Capacity Building – ALAN CLARK
    • Recent Initiatives to Address Threats to GRSG Habitat
      (FIAT, S.O. 3336, Etc.) – REX MCKNIGHT
    DR. DEAN KELCH, Moderator

Noon – 12:15 Setting the Stage for Breakout Sessions
    DR. JOHN FREEMUTH

12:15 – 1:30 Hosted Lunch
    DR. JAMIE K. REASER, Keynote Speaker,
    National Invasive Species Council Update
1:30 – 3:15  Breakout Session – Challenges and Barriers
GROUP 1: Information Management and Science
GROUP 2: Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
GROUP 3: Policy and Regulatory
GROUP 4: Program Management and Operational Capacity

3:15 – 3:30  Break

3:30 – 5:30  Breakout Session – Challenges and Barriers (continued)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

8:00 – 8:30  Gathering and Hosted Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30  Report Back on Evaluating the Challenges and Barriers
(all breakout groups)

9:30 – 9:45  Setting the Stage for Breakout Sessions
DR. JOHN FREEMUTH

9:45 – 10:00  Break

10:00 – 12:00  Breakout Session – Developing Actions to Address/Resolve
Challenges and Barriers
GROUP 1: The Great Basin
GROUP 2: The Eastern Portion of the Greater Sage-grouse Range
GROUP 3: WAFWA Invasive Plant Management and Greater Sage-grouse Conservation Report

12:00 – 1:30  Hosted Lunch

1:30 – 3:15  Breakout Session - Developing Actions to Address/Resolve
Challenges and Barriers (continued)

3:15 – 3:30  Break

3:30 – 5:30  Breakout Session - Developing Actions to Address/Resolve
Challenges and Barriers (continued)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 – 8:30  Gathering and Hosted Breakfast

8:30 – 10:15  Report Back on Developing Actions to Address/Resolve Challenges
and Barriers (all breakout groups)

10:15 – 10:45  Break

10:45 – Noon  Conference Summary
NOREEN WALSH
Dr. Chad Boyd  
Rangeland Scientist  
US Department of Agriculture

Alan Clark  
Wildlife Section Chief  
Utah Department of Natural Resources

Dr. John Freemuth  
Andrus Center Senior Fellow and Professor  
Boise State University

Dr. Dean Kelch  
Primary State Botanist  
California Department of Food & Agriculture

Ted Koch  
Nevada State Supervisor  
US Fish and Wildlife Service

Jeremy Maestas  
Sagebrush Ecosystem Specialist  
National Resources Conservation Service

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United States Department of Agriculture

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Regional Director  
US Fish and Wildlife Service

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