



## Montana Invasive Species Strategic Framework Listening Sessions

Join the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) as it concludes two years of discussions and research to build a better invasive species management plan for Montana. A series of Listening Sessions will be held across Montana to present a draft invasive species framework. The listening sessions will be held as follows:

**September 28—Miles City**

**September 29—Wolf Point**

**October 4—Great Falls**

**October 6—Pablo**

The Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council was created two years ago with the purpose of advising the Governor on a science-based, comprehensive program to identify, prevent, eliminate, reduce, and mitigate the impacts of invasive species in Montana. The Council has completed a Statewide Assessment of invasive species prevention, control, and management practices and programs in Montana. Following the assessment, MISAC hosted The Governor's Summit on Invasive Species in April 2016. More than 175 attendees from across the state met to discuss the invasive species management challenges faced by a state with many habitats, borders, and partners. The Summit discussions helped augment the assessment information and provided additional input for development for the Framework.

The goal of the listening sessions is to collect input on the draft Framework for finalization. All invasive species partners are encouraged to attend and identify regional and local opportunities for future collaboration, connect with the ongoing statewide effort to improve invasive species management, and identify measurable tasks that support Montana's invasive species management priorities.

Additional information about each event follows.



## **Miles City**

**Wednesday, September 28, 12:00 to 5:00 PM**

**Miles City Field Office Bureau of Land Management**

5001 Southgate Drive |

### Agenda

- Introductions
  - Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council background and purpose
  - Attendees discuss their invasive species projects
  - Framework presentation
  - Discussion and next steps
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## **Wolf Point**

**Thursday, September 29, 1-4 PM**

**Fort Peck Community College, Community Room**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Benton St**

### Agenda (10 or so participants):

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**Great Falls**

**Date: Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 1-4 PM**

**Hampton Inn**

**2301 14th St SW, Great Falls, MT 59404**

Agenda:

Listening Session Focus: Border patrol, prevention and pathways specialists

- MISAC overview
  - CBP regulation overview, Alberta overview, focused discussion on goals and actions related to border protection, perimeter defense, and pathways,
  - Framework presentation
  - Facilitated discussion of next steps
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**Pablo**

**Thursday, October 6, 1:00-4:00 PM,**

Salish Kootenai College,

Camas Room of the Joe McDonald Health Center

58138 US Hwy 93

Agenda:

- MISAC overview
- Tribal overview
- Framework presentation
- Facilitated discussion following each of the Framework topic areas
- Meet and discuss with Council members