

Montana Invasive Species Bulletin

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The Invasive Species Bulletin provides you with all the latest news on invasive species in Montana and the region. Please let us know if you have any suggestions, contributions, questions, corrections, or comments.

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Montana News

Montana scrambles to assess spread of chronic wasting disease (Casper Star Tribune)

A hand-picked team of Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials are quickly working to try and design a first-of-its-kind special hunt to determine how widely chronic wasting disease has spread among deer in south-central Montana...[read more](#)

Seaplane pilots tell how they can fight invasive species (Daily Inter Lake)

Montana seaplane pilots stand ready to assist in the fight against aquatic invasive species...[read more](#)

USDA APHIS publishes regulated plant pest website

Plant Health Import Home Page:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information>

U.S. Regulated Plant Pest Landing Page:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/import-information/rppi>

AIS inspection station employees' recognized by Tribal Council (Char-Koosta News)

PABLO — The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have been on the forefront of the battle against the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the Flathead Basin and by extension the Columbia River Basin. Walking point is its Natural Resources Department's Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation Division and its AIS program. They are adamant about halting the spread of zebra and quagga mussels into northwest Montana...[read more](#)

AIS podcasts: Subsurface: Resisting Montana's Underwater Invaders (Montana Public Radio)

This is "SubSurface: Resisting Montana's Underwater Invaders." I'm Nicky Ouellet, and in our first episode I'm taking us to the Midwest, to lakes where people have been fighting invasive zebra and quagga mussels for decades, to hear, see and smell what could become Montana's mussel-encrusted future if a full-blown infestation happens here. These stories are reporting from the future...[listen and read more](#)

AIS sampling ends for the season--no mussels detected (Seeley Swan Pathfinder)

With snow coming early this year, the 2017 aquatic invasive species sampling wrapped up at the end of October. Clearwater Resource Council AIS Specialist Joann Wallenburn, field technician Swan Valley Connections' Caitlin Mitchell and Blackfoot Challenge project leader Jennifer Schonnen led the sampling efforts this year with the help of volunteers from the Blackfoot, Clearwater and Swan Valleys. To date, there has been no evidence of zebra mussels, Eurasian milfoil or Curly Leaf Pond Weed in area waters....[read more](#)

Regional News

Regional AIS News

Visit the Aquatic Invasive Species Network at westernais.org for the latest AIS news in and around the region. (Thanks, Stephen)

Minnesota DNR ends invasive-species grants to local groups, citing budget crunch

DULUTH, Minn. — Even as zebra mussels, starry stonewort weed and giant Asian carp invade more of Minnesota's waterways, the state Department of Natural Resources is eliminating aquatic invasive-species grants to local groups due to a budget shortfall...[read more](#)

Richmond asks for help fighting invasive aquatic plant (Vancouver Sun)

A letter to the provincial government will likely be the next step in Richmond's efforts to eradicate an aquatic plant that has invaded a waterway in Steveston and threatens a nearby wetland.

The staff recommendation to send the letter requesting that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations get involved immediately and allocate money to fighting the Brazilian elodea infestation was endorsed by all members of the general purposes committee last week, of which the mayor and all councillors are members....[read more](#)

Other

Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC) Meeting

November 30, 10-4

Montana DNRC Headquarters, Helena

[Meeting agenda](#)

November Weed Post (MSU Extension and the Montana Noxious Weed Education Campaign)

Herbicide resistance is the subject of the [November Weed Post](#). Dr. Fabian Menalled contributed this month's post. While herbicide resistance has not challenged range and wild land weed management to date, it is a major issue in crop weed science. Increasing our knowledge on this topic can help us prevent it from becoming an obstacle in the future. If you have questions about this topic, please direct them to Fabian at menalled@montana.edu or (406)994-4783. Thank you, Fabian, for sharing your expertise.

Next Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3) Meeting

January 24, 8:30-4:30

Location: TBD

UC3 and CSKT watercraft inspection and monitoring workshop

December 11-12

Location: Polson

Contact Kate Wilson for more information at kate.wilson@mt.gov, 406-444-2951

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