From:	Noreen Walsh
To:	"Ken Mayer"
Subject:	RE: Invitation to participate in Western Invasive Weed Summit
Date:	Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:07:00 PM

Thanks much.

Matt will not be at WAFWA.

Noreen Walsh
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From: Ken Mayer [mailto:ken.e.mayer@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 1:04 PM
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to participate in Western Invasive Weed Summit

FYI--this is the almost final draft of the flyer attendees will get. Also Matt is always invited. Will he be at WAFWA?

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Sent from my iPhone
Ken Mayer

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cathe Scott <cathescott@boisestate.edu>
Date: July 14, 2015 at 10:00:01 AM PDT
To: Kenneth E Mayer <ken.e.mayer@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Invitation to participate in Western Invasive Weed Summit

Here you go!

Feel free to call me or email me if you want me to join the call!

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Cathe Scott** <cathescott@boisestate.edu>
Date: Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 10:59 AM
Subject: Re: Invitation to participate in Western Invasive Weed Summit
To: Cathe Scott <cathescott@boisestate.edu>

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On Tue, Jul 14, 2015 at 10:58 AM, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies <cathescott@boisestate.edu> wrote:

Save the Date for Western Invasive Weed Summit

Western Invasive Weed Summit

November 17, 18 and 19, 2015
The Boise Hotel, Boise, ID

Problem

The conversion of native sagebrush to invasive annual grasslands has been identified as an issue for western range lands for decades. Wildfire, while having a direct effect on the sagebrush-steppe, and its associated wildlife species, such as Greater sage-grouse (GRSG), has been shown to have a significant association with invasive, non-native annual, grasses. In addition to increasing fire risk, invasive plants can fundamentally transform ecosystems by altering their basic species composition and function.

Local, state, and federal governmental agencies throughout the West are the principal organizations responding to invasive plant threats, from both a regulatory and management perspective. Despite much good weed management, these efforts have been piecemeal, with little coordination, sustained funding, or support from the highest levels of government. This has impeded the development of an effective regional or national program to ameliorate the threat of invasive plants across the West.

Purpose

The purpose is to convene a summit of federal departments (i.e., DOI, USDA, DOC, etc) and agencies, state and local government agencies, tribes and key non-government organizations to review existing invasive species mandates (e.g., 1999 Presidential Executive Order 13112, etc.), overarching policies, coordination and leadership, and invasive species program operations and budgets.

The goal of the summit is to build on the recent Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA) publication, *Invasive Plant Management and Greater Sage-grouse Conservation: A Review and Status Report with Strategic Recommendations for Improvement* (Ielmini et al 2015). We will refine the report's challenges and barriers and develop recommendations for securing adequate and consistent program funding at local, state, and federal levels.

We will identify federal department orders and other direction for accelerating invasive weed management activities at all levels to meet the needs of GRSG conservation across the western United States. The final product of the Summit will be the development of an Action Plan to help guide state and federal agencies, local governments and private entities in a coordinated and effective approach to addressing this important conservation issue.

Who Should Attend

Attendance to the Summit is by invitation only and limited to 250 attendees. The intent is to invite working professionals in the field of invasive plant management, ecology, and policy, as well as experts in the management and ecology of GRSG, wildfire ecology, restoration, and suppression.

If you have received this Save the Date notice, the Summit Steering Committee or one of the contributing/supporting agencies has identified you as one of those individuals. There is no cost to attend the Summit, however individuals are responsible for their travel costs. If you are interested in attending please save the dates and proceed to the Summit Registration below.

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