From: Noonan, Bill
To: Heather Johnson
Subject: Re: FW: Weed Summit Participant List
Date: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:00:37 PM
Attachments: Invasive Summit Draft Agenda 8.31.15.pdf

Heather:

I got this a couple of day ago from Ken Morgan was ready to add it the CO PFW Conf list for FY16 until I saw on the website (flyer attached) that it is by invitation only. So I guess this is the invite???

On Fri, Oct 9, 2015 at 12:55 PM, Heather Johnson <Heather_Johnson@fws.gov> wrote:

> Guys,
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> Take a look at this Summit and see if it is something you or your staff might be interested in. It might be a little too heavy on policy and planning versus on-the-ground practices but I thought I'd check with you guys anyway! Let me know and thanks!
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> **From:** Will Meeks [mailto:Will_Meeks@fws.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 12:48 PM
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> **Cc:** Maureen Gallagher
> **Subject:** FW: Weed Summit Participant List

May be something to consider. I think that PFW biologists may have an interest. Select refuge staff in MT, WY, UT, CO too.

Will Meeks

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From: Matt Kales [mailto:matt_kales@fws.gov]
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To: Will Meeks
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Will,

As mentioned, please see attached the current FWS roster for the Invasives summit in Boise next month. I'd be grateful if you and Maureen would review and discuss with your NWRS/PFW counterparts in R1 and 8 (recognizing R1's program structure is different) and let Dawn and I know if there's merit in including some additional folks, especially given our efforts to broaden FWS' approach to sagebrush conservation.

Summit details are below. I believe the lodging window is closing, so it would be good to get after this soon. Thanks.

Matt

http://sps.boisestate.edu/andruscenter/wis-summit/

From: Davis, Dawn [mailto:dawn_davis@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 08, 2015 10:49 AM
To: Matt Kales
Subject: Weed Summit Participant List

Matt,

Attached is the most up-to-date participant list for the upcoming Weed Summit. I checked with the latest invitee list and there are no additional FWS staff so we may need to re-visit the list and include any additional folks from Refuges and Partners that may be appropriate.

Let me know if you need anything else,

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November 17

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

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome Address**

8:45 – 9:15 **The Greater Sage-grouse Listing Decision**
-Timing, planning, and the importance of providing strategic actions to address the invasive plant threat across the range of the GRSG and the link to fire in the West

9:15 – 9:45 **Invasive Plant Management in the West – A Scientific Assessment**

9:45 – 10:15 **Impacts of Invasive Species on Greater Sage-grouse Habitat – Risks and Considerations**
-Scientific perspective on the relationships between invasive plants, wildfire, and Greater Sage-grouse habitat
-Defining restoration and resilience in Sage-Steppe habitats from 30,000 feet to on-the-ground programs

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"***
-Background, structure, challenges, and strategic recommendations

11:00 – Noon **Panel - Management of Invasive Plants across the Range of the Greater Sage-grouse**
-Greater Sage-grouse habitat improvement – Examples of Success
-Managing weeds vs. Managing Habitats – Wildlife Management and Weed Management perspectives
-Multi-jurisdictional Collaboration, Cooperation, and Capacity Building
-Recent Initiatives to Address Threats to GRSG Habitat (FLAT, S.O. 3336, Etc.)

Noon – 12:15 **Setting the Stage for the Break-out Groups**

12:15 – 1:30 **Hosted Lunch**

1:30 – 3:15 **Breakout Session 1 – Evaluating the Challenges and Barriers for:**
Topic A – Information Management and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 5:30 **Break-out Session 2 – Evaluating the Challenges and Barriers for:**
Topic A – Information Management and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

November 18

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

8:30 – 8:45 **Setting the Stage for the Breakout Groups**

8:45 – 10:15 **Break-out Session 3 – Developing Actions to Address/Resolve Challenges and Barriers Identified for:**
Topic A – Information, Management, and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

10:15 – 10:30 **Break**

10:30 – 12:00 **Break-out Session 4 – Developing Actions to Address/Resolve Challenges and Barriers Identified for:**
Topic A – Information, Management, and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

12:00 – 1:30 **Hosted Lunch**

1:30 – 3:15 **Break-out Session 5 – Developing Actions to Address/Resolve Challenges and Barriers Identified for:**
Topic A – Information, Management, and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

3:15 – 3:30 **Break**

3:30 – 5:30 **Break-out Session 6 – Developing Actions to Address/Resolve Challenges and Barriers Identified for:**
Topic A – Information, Management, and Science
Topic B – Leadership, Coordination, and Communication
Topic C – Policy and Regulatory
Topic D – Program Management and Operational Capacity

November 19

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

8:30 – 10:00 **Groups 1 and 2 Report Back to Attendees on:**
-Session summary
-Identify challenges and barriers
-Identify strategic action items in priority
-Identify the number 1 short-term and long-term action items
-Parking lot items – new issues/topics not discussed, etc.

10:00 – 10:15 **Break**

10:15 – 11:45 **Groups 3 and 4 Report Back to Attendees on:**
-Session summary
-Identify challenges and barriers
-Identify strategic action items in priority
-Identify the number 1 short-term and long-term action items
-Parking lot items – new issues/topics not discussed, etc.

11:45 – 12:15 **Conference Summary – Where do we go from here?**