

MONTANA'S NOXIOUS WEEDS—HISTORY AND NEEDS^{MAS}

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The presentation provides an overview of the current status of the noxious weed problem in Montana. It contains some historical information regarding some of Montana's most invasive plant species and the most current data available on existing infestations of the various species. A current overview was presented of the multi-disciplined resources that are being applied to combat this ecological threat along with identification of the scope of future efforts needed to successfully reduce the invasive plant problem in Montana. Excerpts from the current Montana Noxious Weed Management Plan were included to reflect the coordinated efforts being implemented to give Montanans a clearer picture of the role that invasive plants play in our environment.