

Forests Out of Balance:

The Impact of Invasive Plant Species



August 22-24, 2005
National Conservation Training Center
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Who should attend? Service foresters, consultant and industrial foresters, Cooperative Extension foresters, and other resource managers.

Pesticide Credits will be assigned on a state-by-state basis. Sign up sheets will be available at the registration table.

8 SAF Continuing Forestry Education Credits
Day 1- 6.5 CFE
Day 2 -1.5 CFE

August 22, 2005

5:30 – 6:30 pm **Registration for early arrivals and Dinner in Commons**

August 23, 2005 **Presentations Byrd Auditorium**

6:30 am **Breakfast at the Commons**

7:00 am **Registration:** Entry Auditorium

8:00 am **Workshop Objectives, Housekeeping, and Introduction** - Byrd Auditorium

8:10 am **Welcome**
Randy Dye, State Forester, West Virginia Division of Forestry

8:20 am **Why Foresters Should Be Concerned About Invasive Exotic Plants:** The forest management, ecological, wildlife, wildfire, water quality, and recreation problems associated with invasive exotic plants in forests.
Keynote Speaker – William N. Grafton, Extension Specialist, West Virginia University

9:00 am **Invasive Exotic Plants in Our Forests:** Current and Future
Don Dagnan, Invasive Plant Coordinator, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area State & Private Forestry

9:40 am **Break**

10:00 am **National Strategy & Implementation Plan for Invasive Species Management**
Mike Ielmini, Invasive Plant Specialist, USDA Forest Service, National Forest System

10:40 am **Exotic Trees in Our Forests:** Tree-of-Heaven
Phil Pannill, Regional Watershed Forester, Maryland Department of Natural Resources - Forest Service

11:20 am **Exotic Shrubs in Our Forests:** Bush/tartarian honeysuckle, autumn olive, multiflora rose
Dr. Cindy Huebner, Research Botanist/Ecologist, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research Station

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch at the Commons**
- 1:00 pm **Exotic Vines in Our Forests:** Mile-a-Minute Weed
Dr. Judy Okay, Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry
- 1:40 pm **Exotic Grasses in Our Forests:** Japanese Stiltgrass and Johnsongrass
Art Gover, Roadside Vegetation Management Project Leader, PENNDOT
- 2:30 pm **Break**
- 2:50 pm **Exotic Forbs in Our Forests:** Garlic Mustard
Steve Manning, Invasive Plant Control
- 3:30 pm **Silvicultural Practices and Invasive Exotic Plants:** How silvicultural practices can promote, limit, or control invasive exotic weed problems.
Charlie Possee, Forestry Technician, USDA Forest Service, Nantahala National Forest
- 4:20 pm **Panel Discussion — Question and Answer Session**
Speakers and Company Representatives
- 5:00 pm **Adjourn for the Day**
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Dinner at the Commons**

August 24, 2005 **FIELD DAY - Concurrent field sessions will illustrate control methods, showcase product lines, and demonstrate equipment and safety concerns. Rain or shine wear proper clothing and footwear. If special assistance is needed please contact Todd Groh {(304) 558-2788 or tgroh@gwmail.state.wv.us}**

- 6:30 – 7:45 am **Breakfast at the Commons**
- 8:00 – 3:00 pm
- Topic 1** Pesticide Safety
- Topic 2** IPM for forest understory plants
- Morning Break - TBD**
- Topic 3** Broadcast foliar applications via skidder-mounted equipment
- Topic 4** Foliar applications via ATV and backpack
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch at the Commons**
- Topic 5** Low volume and ultra-low volume foliar applications via backpack
- Topic 6** Outdoor vendor area, including seed cleaning station and others
- Topic 7** Basal bark treatments for control of shrubs and smaller trees
- Topic 8** Cut surface and injection treatments
- 3:00 pm Workshop evaluation
- 3:15 pm Adjourn and travel home

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