

Invasive Species Control Summit

May 6-8, 2008
Gering Civic Center
1050 M Street
Gering, Nebraska

Overview

The Invasive Species Control Summit promises to provide a unique variety of speakers and topics on invasive species control within highly impacted watersheds.

Invasive species and noxious weed control is nothing new, but organized efforts to achieve control of all invasive species in an entire watershed is unique.

The summit is a joint effort of organizations from Nebraska, Wyoming, federal and state agencies, and landowners. Collectively, the decision has been made that a total control effort involving entire watersheds will prove to be the only sustainable, cost effective approach to successful control of invasive species.

Tours

Watershed Project Tour – May 8th Participants will visit sites along the Nine-Mile Creek and North Platte River recovery programs. Participants will experience before and after perspectives and presentations on before and after invasive weed control along watersheds. Buses will be provided. (\$20 – Lunch included.)

Spouses Day Tour – May 7th (9 AM to 3 PM) The tour will visit the Brown Sheep Wool processing plant and the local quilt and antique stores. (\$20 – Lunch included)

Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, May 6th

8:30 – 12:00

Registration & Setup – Gering Civic Center
Setup: Posters and Vendors in Lobby: Equipment Show West of Building
Missouri River Watershed Coalition Spring Meeting
Welcome to Scottsbluff – Gering Susan Weideman
Welcome to Conference – Goals and Objectives Dennis Beyer/Mike Sarchet
1:00 Phragmites Overview – Doctor Blossey – Cornell University
1:15 Tamarisk Overview – Tim Carlson – Tamarisk Coalition
2:00 Russian Olive Overview – Brian Wehausen (FWS)
3:00 CATERED BREAK: sponsored by - Dupont
3:15 Republican River Control – Charlie Brooks & Michael Clements *
3:45 Center for Invasive Plant Management – Staff **
4:00 National Invasive Species Council – Chris Dionigi
4:30 WY/NE Invasive Species Task Force
WY – Slade Franklin * NE – Mitch Coffin *
5:00 Summary – PM Agenda & Wednesday Plans
5:15 National Monument or Farm & Ranch Museum Tours
Buses at GCC, Farm + Ranch Museum,
SB Monument Visitor Center & Summit
6:30 Dinner & social Farm + Ranch Museum

Wednesday, May 7th

8:00

Welcome – Today's Agenda: Invasive Species Control
Mapping Invasive Species Infestations – Bob Wilson – UNL Extension *
8:10 Biological Control with Insects – Mark Schwarzlander
8:30 Biological Controls with Insects – Vicki Wohlers – APHIS USDA
9:00 Biological Control by Grazing –
Michele Wendell (Goats) * Kathy Voth (Cattle)

10:00

CATERED BREAK = Sponsored by Alligare
Chemical Control – Joe Vollmers – Univ. Wyoming - BASF
11:00 New options for Invasive Species Control John Cantlon – Dupont *
11:30 Helicopter Control/Lake McConaughy –
Kent Aden, Central Power & Irrigation *

12:00

CATERED LUNCH – Convention Center & Speaker

1:30

Mechanical Controls – Chad Prosser (NPS) *

2:00

Restoration – Curt Deuser (NPS)

2:30

Biomass Utilization – Doak Nickerson NE.FS *

3:30

Wyoming Projects – Steve Brill, Bob Shoemaker, Dennis Thaler, Brandy
Evens, Rod Litzel *

4:30

Restoration projects, history – Kirk McDaniels-NMSU

5:00

Wrap-up

5:15

Evening Plans – Thursday's Agenda

6:00

Dinner Banquet and Speakers at the Convention Center
sponsored by BASF

Thursday, May 8th

8:00

Wrap-up – Evaluations (Sweet rolls and Coffee)

9:00

Tours to project sites – Nine Mile Creek – Goshen County, WY-
North Platte River Demonstrations by contractors

12:00

Lunch back at the Convention Center

1:00 – 4:30

Organization – Specific Workshops:

Department of Interior: Round Table Discussions

Missouri River Coalition: Spring Meeting

Nebraska Governors: Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force

5:00

Relaxed Social all groups and organizers invited

Registration

REGISTER BY PHONE: (308) 635-6700

OR

SEND TO:

Harms Advanced Technology Center
2620 College Park
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DOB: _____ Social Security #: _____

(For those requesting certification credits)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Species Control Summit | _____ x \$95 (Before 04/01/08) = \$ _____ |
| | _____ x \$110 (After 04/01/08) = \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor Space | _____ x \$150 = \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's Day Tour (May 7 th) | _____ x \$20 (Lunch Included) = \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour of Watershed Projects (May 8 th) | _____ x \$20 (Lunch Included) = \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total | \$ _____ |

Hotel Information

Blocks of rooms are being held until April 20th at several local hotels. For a list contact the Scottsbluff-Gering Chamber of Commerce at (800)-788-9475 or on the web at www.VisitScottsbluff.com or www.wehavejobs.net

Airport Information

The Western Nebraska Regional Airport has flights to and from Denver International Airport on a regular basis, for flight schedules visit www.flyscottsbluff.com.

For Further Information:

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