



Call for Citizen Scientists: Join a regional volunteer effort to detect and eradicate invasive plant species!



2016 EARLY DETECTION, REPORTING AND IDENTIFICATION OF INVASIVE PLANTS WORKSHOP

Sandy, OR

Wednesday, April 27th; 1:00pm-3:30pm

Address: Sandy Community Center, 38348 Pioneer Blvd, Sandy, OR 97055; Entering Sandy from the west on Highway 26, proceed east (past the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters on right) through the first three stoplights/intersection to the 4th stoplight (Bluff Road). The community center is 100-150 ft. past the light on the right. Auditorium is on the second floor. Parking is available along the side and at the back of the building.

Hosted by: David Lebo, Westside Zone Botanist, Mt. Hood National Forest and Sam Leininger, Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Columbia Gorge CWMA

Vancouver, WA

Thursday, April 28th; 9:30am-12:00pm

Address: Fort Vancouver, Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E 5th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661. Access is through the Air Museum, in the Tex Rankin room. **Hosted by:** Carol Chandler, Wildlife Biologist, Gifford Pinchot National Forest; Emily Stevenson, Skamania Noxious Weed Board, Columbia Gorge CWMA

*****Capacity is limited; if you would like to attend one of these free trainings, please RSVP to Julie Combs at pnw.ipc.org@gmail.com (or call 615-812-5295) to reserve your place! Participants may receive WDSA or ODA pesticide license recertification credits (2 credits) pending approval.**

About the Program: The Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council (PNW IPC) is a non-profit conservation organization (<http://www.pnw-ipc.org/>) working in partnership with the USDA Forest Service, Washington Dept. of Agriculture (WSDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other state and local groups on a Citizen Science EDRR (Early Detection Rapid Response) program. With funding from the National Forest Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the WSDA and others we are gearing up for our **fifth year** to search for priority and newly emerging invasive plants in our National Forests, National Parks and other public lands. **We are excited to recruit new volunteers and inspire our current volunteer base to search for and report new invasive plant populations.** We have identified specific focal areas to survey for invasive on National Forests and Parks, DNR and other state land but there is a great need to document emerging invasive populations on all public lands. **If you are recreating and/or working on public lands and are interested in participating in our program and/or would like to learn more about invasive plants you are invited to attend one of our upcoming trainings.**

Citizen Science EDRR Volunteer Training

Our mission is to train citizens to identify a suite of invasive plants in a 2.5 hour free training where you will learn how to identify priority invasive species and how to record basic data regarding problematic invasive plants. Participants learn plant identification through a PowerPoint presentation, herbarium sheet specimens and live material. Participants also learn methods of manual removal and which species you should not attempt to remove. **Trainings will equip volunteers with the knowledge necessary to conduct invasive plant surveys in order to support local land managers that need your help. Your efforts will directly support the maintenance of healthy ecosystems.** Volunteers will receive an invasive plant identification booklet along with survey forms and instruction on how to report findings on EDDMapSWest, a regional early detection and reporting system. **We ask that volunteers who sign up to volunteer will conduct 1-2 surveys over the 2016 field season.**