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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 190-7-4

SUBJECT: ESC - INVASIVES SPECIES WORKSHOP

Purpose. Inform NRCS field offices about forest invasive species ‘train-the-trainer’ workshops.

Expiration Date. November 30, 2007.

Two, one-day, free workshops on ‘Invasive Plants of Minnesota Forests: Information and Educational tools for Professionals’ sponsored by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and the MN DNR Forest Stewardship Program are being held at two locations in Minnesota. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2006, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Forest History Center, Grand Rapids, MN and Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Quarry Hill Nature Center, Rochester, MN.

Employees interested in attending these free workshops need to obtain your supervisor’s approval before registering for a workshop. For agenda items and registration information see below.

These workshops are designed to help foresters and resource managers become invasives educators for audiences appropriate to their jobs and become familiar with resource materials and organizations. Participants will learn how to identify, monitor, prevent and control the most troublesome invaders of Minnesota’s woodlands. These non-native invasive species have ecological implications for forest communities, disrupt tree regeneration, and create problems during and after timber harvests.

**Highlights Include:**

- Understand the ecological, economic, and recreational/social impacts of invasives
- Understand the pathways in which invasives spread.
- Develop basic “four season” identification skills and understand the life history of each species, especially as it pertains to eradication and control methods.
- Become familiar with Best Management Practices (BMPs) for forest invasives to help prevent their spread.
- Become familiar with a variety of management and control methods, including mechanical, prescribed fire, grazing, chemical, biocontrols, various tools, and how an integrated approach can work.
- Make a commitment to “pass it on”, and become an “Invasives Educator” for audiences appropriate to your job and become familiar with resources available (materials, people, organizing) to make your workshop happen.

These workshops are free of charge, but space is limited. Preference will be given to those making a commitment to conduct at least one educational workshop for an appropriate constituency during the next year.

Contact Katie Marshall at [kmarshall@iatp.org](mailto:kmarshall@iatp.org) or (612) 870-3407 for registration information. Questions about this bulletin should be directed to Ginger Kopp, State Staff Forester, (651) 602-7909.

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