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# Invasive species council to meet in Bend

SALEM, Oregon—

The Oregon Invasive Species Council will be meeting June 18-19, 2014 at the Deschutes County Road Commission in Bend, Oregon to discuss invasive species that affect the Central Oregon region as well as the state.

All Oregonians have a role to play in protecting the state from the threats of invasive species. Council members will share up-to-date information on a broad range of invasive species in Oregon that cause economic and ecologic harm, with a special emphasis on those species of regional importance.

Topics to be discussed include juniper and medusa head management for the benefit of sage-grouse habitat, efforts to control yellow flag iris in the area, Oregon Department of Transportation's weed management program, ballast water management, and updates on other efforts to protect Oregon from invasive species.

The meeting and site-visits to view local projects are open to the public. The meeting begins at 9 AM on both days at the Deschutes County Road Commission, 61150 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Bend, Oregon, 97702. For more information and to download a complete agenda, please visit [www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org](http://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org).

The Council is comprised of representatives from seven state agencies: Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State University (Sea Grant), Portland State University (Center for Lakes and Reservoirs), Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon State Marine Board and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The remaining ten seats are members-at-large from government agencies, universities, industries, organizations or individuals having an interest in protecting Oregon from invasive species.

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