

Statewide Woody Invasive Species Management Plan Released for Public Comment

Montana — The Woody Invasives Working Group is pleased to announce the release of a public-comment draft of the Woody Invasive Species Management Plan for the state of Montana. All interested parties are encouraged to review the Plan and submit comments at woodyinvasives.mt.gov. Comments must be submitted by 5 PM (MT) on Sunday, December 7, 2025.

The Plan is focused on three woody invasive species in Montana: common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), and the resident saltcedar complex (*Tamarix chinensis*, *T. ramosissima*, and all associated hybrids). This document outlines management priorities, describes treatment and removal best practices, and identifies short- and long-term objectives. It serves as the product of collaboration from the Woody Invasives Working Group, comprised of dedicated natural resources managers and partners from across the state.

The Woody Invasives Working Group was funded in the 2023 Noxious Weed Trust Fund grant cycle. The Working Group consists of over 200 stakeholders, including staff from local, state, and federal agencies as well as weed districts, conservation districts, academia, and other NGOs.

To learn more about the woody invasive species in Montana and view education and outreach materials produced through this collaborative effort, visit <u>woodyinvasives.mt.gov</u>.

Invasive Species Action Network, a 501c3 nonprofit based in Livingston, has been contracted to coordinate this effort. For more information, visit stopais.org.

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