

Draft – Workshop Agenda -- 9/20/17

Conference Name:

Conservation Workshop: Managing Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on Montana Waterways

Conference Purpose:

A forum to engage scientists, resource managers, conservation groups and other stakeholders in exploring strategies to eliminate salt cedar and Russian olive from Montana waterways.

Meeting Objectives:

- Explore strategies, identify resources and agree on cooperative actions to eradicate salt cedar and Russian olive from Montana riparian areas.
- Learn more about field practices: successes and “lessons learned” from current efforts to manage salt cedar and Russian olive along Montana waterways.
- Develop strategies that increase public understanding and concern about Russian olive and salt cedar impacts in riparian habitats.
- Encourage networking, knowledge-sharing and cooperative action among conference participants.

Room Set-up:

- Meeting room: Participants sit at tables of 5 to 6. For the morning there will be assigned seats marked by nametags to ensure a diverse mix of professions, gender, geography, etc.
- Around the edge of the meeting room: set-up of stations/booths.

Day 1	
Time	Activity
11:00 - 12:45	Set-up Stations/Tables re: Sharing Information re: Field Projects
12:30 - 1:00	Registration and Get Settled In
1:00 - 1:15	Welcome and Set Tone (Janet) <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Welcome and thank participants and recognize Planning Team.</i>• <i>Audubon’s intention for convening this conference.</i>• <i>Reiterate purpose and outcomes: What we hope to accomplish over 2 days.</i>• <i>Logistical information</i>• <i>Introduce Pam, and do handoff.</i>
1:15 - 1:40	Get Acquainted with People and Flow of Conference <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Get participants comfortable with each other (beginning the networking).</i>• <i>Overview of Conference Flow</i>
1:40 - 2:20	Create a Shared Picture -- small panel/short presents with full group discussion and Q&A.

	<i>Objective: Create a Shared Understanding of: What are the issues and impacts of Russian olive and Salt Cedar in MT's riparian areas?</i>
2:20 - 2:50	Speaker: Holistic View of Management: What Constitutes Successful Management? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes 10 minutes of Q & A
2:50 - 3:05	Stretch BREAK
3:05 - 3:30	Table Talk: Reflect and Compare to Your Experience and Knowledge <i>Objective: Process and Integrate What's Been Said.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What stood out for you? How does what's been said line-up with your experience? What would you add or change? What needs further discussion? 2-minute report from each table -- summarizes conversation.
3:30 - 5:00	Round Robin: Learning About Practices in the Field <i>Objectives:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about what's happening on the ground in MT. Networking. <i>Process: (Depends on # of booths/tables)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give each person with a table a minute to introduce program and where located in the room. Give directions for how this activity will work.
5:00 - 5:45	Reception and Networking Dinner on Your Own
Day 2	(Tables not assigned -- encourage people to move around)
Time	Activity
8:00 - 8:15	Get Settled: Ready to Work
8:15 - 8:30	Orient for the Day <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orient Participants to the work and flow of the ½ day. Create Connection to Previous Day: What's Coming Clear or Eye Opening?
8:30 - 10:00	Cooperative Action: How do we work together for greater impact? <i>Objectives: Develop plans and next steps for working at the regional, state and national levels.*</i> <i>Process:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide the small group topics and review the process Work in small topic groups of choice
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Reports from Work Groups <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to each group's ideas. (Reports will include: Focus, Desired Results, Actions for next year, Leadership Responsibility.) (10 min. each) Friendly suggestions from full group (sticky notes)
11:00 - 11:30	Next Steps for this Group as a Whole? <i>Objectives:</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Explore Ways to Stay Connected: Purpose, Structure and Coordination</i>• <i>Full Group (network) Next Steps?</i>
11:30 - 12:00	Follow-up, Reflective Comments and Closing <i>Objectives:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Set expectations for next steps (What will you receive following this meeting)</i>• <i>Participants reflect on what happened here -- what's different as a result of this meeting?</i>• <i>Janet closes out meeting with summary remarks and thanks participants.</i>