***Managing Salt Cedar and Russian Olive on Montana Waterways:***

***A Conservation Workshop***

 ***AGENDA***

**Purpose:**

**Wifi:**

Network: MECA Guest

Passcode: meca1306

A forum to engage scientists, resource managers, conservation groups and other stakeholders in exploring strategies to eliminate Salt Cedar and Russian Olive along Montana waterways.

**Workshop 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.

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| **Day 1** | **October 25, 2017** |
| **Time** | **Activity** |
| **12:30 - 1:00** | **Registration and Get Settled-In.** |
| **1:00 - 1:15** | **Welcome and Set Tone.** |
| **1:15 - 1:40** | **Get Acquainted and Workshop Flow.** |
| **1:40 - 2:05** | ***Understanding Montana Rivers and the Invasions by Russian Olive and Tamarisk to Help guide Management****:* Peter Lesica, Botanist, author, and affiliate faculty at University of Montana-Missoula. |
| **2:05 - 2:40**  | ***Create a Shared Picture of Impacts and Issues******Russian Olive****:* Erin Espeland, Research Ecologist, USDA - ARS.**Salt Cedar:** Rachel Frost, coordinator, Missouri River Conservation District Council. |
| **2:40 - 2:55** | **15 min. BREAK (refreshments)**  |
| **2:55 - 3:30** | **Table Talk:** * *Reflect and Compare Presentations to Your Experience and Knowledge.*
* *How do we communicate, educate and engage the public?*
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| **3:30 - 4:40** | **Converse About Projects and Practices in the Field.** |
| **4:40 - 4:50** | **Close Out the Day.** |
| **5:30**  | **Meet at Celtic Cowboy (**116 1st Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59401) **for No-host Drinks and Dinner.** NOTE: a map will be provided at the conference. |

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| **Day 2** | **October 26, 2017** |
| **Time** | **Activity** |
| **8:00 - 8:15** | **Get Settled: Ready to Work.**  |
| **8:15 - 8:30** | **Orient to the Day** |
| **8:30 - 9:30** | **Cooperative Action: How Do We Work Together for Greater Impact?***Work in small groups to develop realistic plans and next steps for working together at the regional, state and/or national levels.* |
| **9:30 - 9:50** | **BREAK (refreshments)** |
| **9:50: 10:50** | **Reports from Small Work Groups.** |
| **10:50 - 11:20** | **Follow-up: How to Implement the Work We Want to Do Together.** |
| **11:20 - 11: 40** | **Follow-up, Reflective Comments and Closing.** |