Created December 4th, 2014 by Executive Order
Purpose: to advise the governor of Montana on a comprehensive program to identify, prevent, eliminate, reduce and mitigate the impacts of invasive species in our state

Composed of 21 members appointed by the Governor:

- **Mark Aagenes**
  The Nature Conservancy

- **Gary Adams**
  USDA APHIS, PPQ

- **Jeff Baumberger**
  Bureau of Reclamation

- **Steven Bekedam**
  National Park Service

- **Tom Boos**
  MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

- **Dave Burch**
  MT Dept of Agriculture

- **Bryce Christiaens**
  Montana Weed Districts

- **Virgil Dupuis**
  Salish Kootenai College

- **Amy Gannon**
  MT DNRC

- **Lindy Garner**
  U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

- **Patricia Gilbert**
  U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- **Steve Hertel**
  Private Landowner

- **Jim Jacobs**
  NRCS

- **Jane Mangold**
  MSU Extension

- **Mike Miller**
  MT Dept of Transportation

- **Mark Reller**
  Bonneville Power Administration

- **Thompson Smith**
  Flathead Basin Commission

- **Floyd Thompson**
  Bureau of Land Management

- **Steve Tyrell**
  Private Industry

- **Steve Wanderaas**
  MT Conservation Districts

- **Chip Weber**
  U.S. Forest Service
**MISAC VISION**

Our vision is for the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) to foster coordinated efforts in Montana that lead to positive changes in the state coordination, prevention, detection, rapid response, and management of invasive species.

**PRIORITIES**

1. Independent Assessments
2. Invasive Species Summit
3. MT Invasives Strategic Plan

**GOALS**

- Independent program assessment to identify gaps, successes, barriers, and opportunities.
- Engage stakeholders to review assessment findings, suggest actions, provide the latest science, and develop a shared invasive species strategy for the state.
- Provide a roadmap for better coordination and management of invasive species in Montana.

**TIMELINE**

- June 2015 - February 2016
- March/April 2016
- Draft by early 2016
- Final by December 2016

**OUTCOMES**

1. Findings data about invasive programs with recommendations and alternative management approaches
2. Analysis of current laws and recommendations for legislative and policy changes
3. Criteria developed for prioritization of species.
4. Stakeholder input and engagement
5. Tee up legislative session
Montana Invasive Species Summit

Hosted by the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council
April 12-13, 2016
Gateway Center, 1710 National Avenue, Helena, Montana

Goal: Convene agency, tribal sovereign nation, private landowner, industry, academic and nonprofit leaders and policy makers, and others: to:
- Share the results of the Montana Invasive Species Council Advisory Committee statewide invasive species assessment;
- Develop a shared understanding of the core elements of a Montana statewide invasive species framework and identify key priority actions;
- Identify key gaps in existing Montana legislation; and
- Describe key next steps.

Expected Outcome: Identified key priorities and elements to develop a statewide invasive species framework.

Agenda
Tuesday April 12, 2016

Registration
Welcome—Governor
International Invasive Species Challenges and Opportunities
National Perspective: Existing and Emerging Invasive Species Issues
A Historical Perspective on Montana’s Invasive Species Efforts
2015 Statewide Invasive Species Assessment Results
Addressing Challenges: Prevention, EDRR, Control, Restoration, Funding, and other key gaps
MT Wild Reception

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Addressing Montana’s Invasive Species Legislative Gaps – A Panel Discussion with Legislators
Developing Actions to Address Montana’s Invasive Species Challenges and Gaps
Key Next Steps to Advance Montana’s Ability to Prevent New Introductions and the Spread of Existing Infestations of Invasive Species
Convene agency, tribal, private landowner, industry, academic and non-profit leaders and policy makers to:

✓ Share the results of the all-taxa assessment

✓ Develop a shared understanding of the core elements of a statewide all-taxa strategic framework

✓ Identify key priority actions

✓ Identify key gaps in existing Montana Legislation
2016 Montana INVASIVE SPECIES Framework

- Coordination
- Prevention
- Early Detection
- Rapid Response
- Control