



Professional Development Online Course Offering

Understanding and Assessing Plant Invasions— A Framework for Prioritizing Management Strategies

The Center for Invasive Plant Management invites you to participate in a new seven-week online course developed for resource professionals who are involved in invasive plant management. The purpose of this offering is two fold: First, the course will provide you with an integrated process, presented by our expert instructors, that guides the development and prioritization of strategies for managing plant invasions, and, second, we would like your professional input on the course (this is a refinement of a pilot course we offered in 2002).

THE ONLINE COURSE

Description: In the context of an ecologically based adaptive management approach, the course provides a framework that is built upon understanding and assessing plant invasions. This framework will guide participants in developing and prioritizing strategies by considering land management objectives, ecological principles and processes, and contemporary assessment techniques. The course also provides a great opportunity for participants and instructors to exchange information and ideas. Participants should expect to commit approximately 4-6 hours per week, of which one-third of the time will be spent online. The remainder will be spent on assigned readings and activities that engage strategic thinking focused on an individual's management area.

Dates: January 7–February 25, 2005

Time commitment: Approximately 4-6 hours per week for seven weeks

Instructors: Steve Radosevich, Oregon State University-Corvallis; Tim Prather, University of Idaho-Moscow; and Bruce Maxwell and Jim Jacobs, Montana State University-Bozeman

Target audience: Resource professionals with some prior training in weed management; for example, previous attendance at a noxious weed short course, the BLM short course or similar training.

Online learning environment: The course will be delivered by the Burns Telecom Center at Montana State University-Bozeman, through online learning software called WebCT. Course materials will be presented in weekly modules by individual instructors. Each week new material will be presented that builds upon the previous information. Participants will converse and correspond with each other and the instructors through online discussions and internal email.

Cost: None. This course is supported through the Center for Invasive Plant Management

Credit: Four Continuing Education Units are available through Montana State University for a flat \$25 fee.

Computer requirements: Access to the Internet using a 56 K modem or higher

For registration information or other questions please contact:

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