

Why Should I Care?

INVASIVE SPECIES THREATEN OREGON'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND KEY INDUSTRIES

Invasive species threaten local agriculture, forestry, hydropower facilities, water delivery systems, outdoor recreation opportunities, and tourism.

INVASIVE SPECIES COST OREGON MONEY

The costs and damages associated with invasive species have been known to be devastating.

INVASIVE SPECIES CAN IMPACT HUMAN & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Invasive species have the potential to jeopardize public health and to transform ecosystems, resulting in widespread economic and environmental harm. Invasive species can also lead to increased pesticide use and associated human health concerns.

INVASIVE SPECIES AFFECT EVERYONE

The potential for wide-ranging consequences has made the fight against invasive species a bipartisan issue.

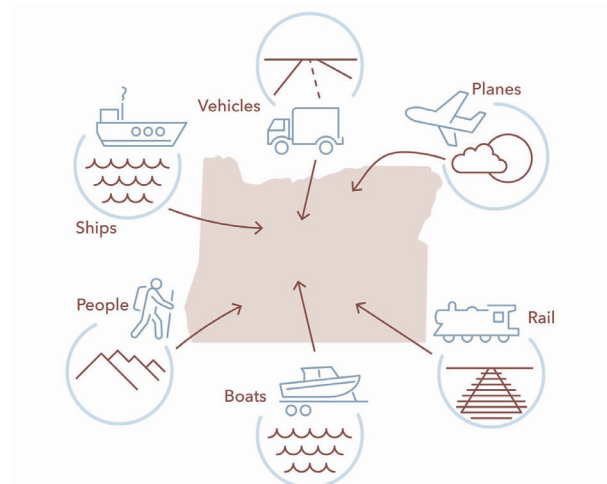
EVERYONE HAS A ROLE IN PROTECTING OREGON FROM INVASIVE SPECIES

Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan & Action Plan

The Statewide Strategic Plan & Action Plan outline strategies to protect Oregon's resources and economies. To achieve our goals, collaborative and cross-agency participation is required.

The plans are organized around 5 key objectives:

1. Prevention
2. Early Detection & Rapid Response
3. Control & Management
4. Education & Outreach
5. Coordination & Leadership



Understanding pathway threats into and within Oregon.

A pathway is the way in which an invasive species enters into and moves within Oregon. Common pathways include vehicles, boats, planes, and people. Oregon is strategically implementing a Pathways Management Approach to address threats across complex pathway variables.

Impacts of Invasive Species to Oregon

Invasive species are animals, plants, and microorganisms that are not native to Oregon. Once here, they can outcompete and replace our native species. Due to this, invasive species pose a threat to key sectors of Oregon's economy that depend on natural resources and native ecosystems.



Invasive plant species, such as cheatgrass and gorse, can lead to increased frequency and intensity of wildfires. *Photo by: Oregon Department of Forestry*



Consuming over 300 plant species, the establishment of Japanese beetle in Oregon would impact ornamental and agricultural plants, commercial crops, and turfgrass industries. *Photo by: Whitney Cranshaw*

IN ORDER TO PROTECT OREGON'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIES, INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AND POLICY MUST BE A PRIORITY FOR OREGON.

What is the Oregon Invasive Species Council?

Created in 2001, the Council is the only state agency authorized to conduct a comprehensive and coordinated planning effort to prevent, detect, control, and eliminate invasive species. Responsibilities of the Council include:

- Maintaining an invasive species reporting hotline.
- Educating the public about invasive species.
- Developing a statewide plan for invasive species.
- Providing a grant or loan program for eradication of invasive species. (ORS 570.755)

The OISC is comprised of 17 council members, each from state agencies with significant invasive species management programs, educational institutions, or other diverse stakeholder groups.



A panel discussion among the Governor's Natural Resources Office staff, agency leaders, and OISC representatives at the 2016 Oregon Invasive Species Summit. Photo By: Jessica Riehl

How Can I Take Action Against Invasive Species?

PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

There are numerous ways to get involved with the Council, including joining the Council as an at-large member, becoming a member of the Advisory Committee, submitting award nominations, attending an OISC event, or sharing resources for the OISC Website.

REPORT AN INVADER

Do you think you've seen an invasive species? Report it by calling 1-866-INVADER or by visiting oregoninvasiveshotline.org

SHARE INFORMATION

Support a shared database of invasive species sightings by becoming a user of iMapInvasives. Visit imapinvasives.org/oregonlogin for more information.

VOLUNTEER

Find and register for upcoming volunteer opportunities at solve.oregon.org

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OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Our mission is to protect Oregon's natural resources and economy by planning and leading a coordinated and comprehensive campaign to prevent the introduction of invasive species and eradicate, contain, or manage existing invasive species in Oregon.

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