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Invasives Free USA is a new campaign focused on protecting our favorite places from invasive species. Inspired by the Predator Free 2050 program from New Zealand, this campaign requires local engagement and organization to prevent and control invasive species. This presentation will highlight examples at local, regional and national levels where landowners are creating invasive free zones in the United States - and you can too!



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Steven Manning has spent the past 30 years working on invasive species. He is the current President of the Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council and co-chair of the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association's Invasive Species Working Group. Steven has an MBA from the University of Oregon, a Master's of Science from the University of Utah and a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University. He is also the founder and President of Invasive Plant Control, Inc. (IPC) www.invasiveplantcontrol.com. IPC was created to extend internationally its dedication to the control of invasive species utilizing a revised Integrated Pest Management approach and has successfully controlled hundreds of invasive species for a wide variety of land managers including federal, state, municipal and private landowners throughout the world.

Mr. Manning also designs and implements multiple training courses and workshops worldwide with topics ranging from "Invasive Species in Ports of Entry" to "Innovations in Invasive Species Management." IPC invests heavily in educational and awareness activities annually and is also deeply involved with local, state and international industry development projects including Volunteer

Based Early Detection Networks. He is involved in the development of Weed Wrangles in partnership with the Garden Club of America and is spearheading the Invasive Free USA initiative.

Steven is also a co-author on the publication; Miller, J.H.; Manning, S.; Enloe, S.F. 2010 "A field guide for the management of invasive plants in southern forests" which was published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Southern Research Station. (<http://www.srs.fs.usda.gov/pubs/36915>
<http://wiki.bugwood.org/Invplantmgmt>).