

Agenda

2014 Spring Weed Workshop

Stayton Community Center
May 17th, 2014

8:30-9:00am **Registration**

9:00-9:10am **Welcome and introductions**

9:10-10:00am **Weed identification and survey update**

Tanya Beard, Environmental Specialist and Coordinator for the Marion County Weed Control District, will describe economic and ecologic challenges presented by invasive weeds, and then provide visual identification cues for the county-listed noxious weeds of concern throughout the North Santiam watershed project area. Jenny Meisel, Resource Conservationist with the Marion SWCD, will then give a brief summary of the invasive plant survey, treatment and monitoring work that has been conducted in the North Santiam Watershed since 2008.

*Tanya Beard, Environmental Specialist and Coordinator, Marion County Weed Control District
Jenny Meisel, Resource Conservationist, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District*

10:00-10:45am **Weed spread prevention**

Tania Siemens of Oregon State University Sea Grant Extension will provide an overview of how you can help to stop the spread of noxious weeds and aquatic invasive species.

*Tania Siemens, Aquatic Invasive Species and Watershed Health Research Assistant, Oregon Sea Grant Extension
Dr. Sam Chan, Assistant Professor & Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species and Watershed Health Specialist,
Oregon Sea Grant Extension*

10:45-11:00am **Break**

11:00-11:45am **Reporting observations of invasive species 101**

Interested in applying your newly acquired noxious weed identification skills in the field? Becca Bourson, Conservation Technician with the Marion SWCD will cover the resources available for recording and submitting sightings of invasive species in Oregon via mobile apps, phone calls, and on-line reporting systems. The presentation will also discuss the value of citizen science (data collected and reported by the public) and the role it plays in natural resource management decisions.

Becca Bourson, Conservation Technician, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District

11:45-12:30pm **Lunch**

12:30-1:15pm **Biological weed control methods**

Eric Coombs is the star Biological Control of Weeds Entomologist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture. Oregon has the most intensive biocontrol program in the U.S., using 76 species of biocontrol agents against 32 species of noxious weeds. He will present a general talk on how biological control works and discuss local biocontrol projects.

Eric Coombs, Biological Control Entomologist, Oregon Department of Agriculture

1:15-2:00pm **Attack of the alien invaders: Chemical control of weeds listed on the Marion County Weed List**

Kurt Spingath, Western Sales Manager with Eco-Pak, LLC, will present on basic identification, chemical control methods, and prescriptions.

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