

The Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds



-Public Meeting-

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1:00 – 2:30 EST

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1. Roll call

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2. Today's Presentation

“Cheatgrass, Wildfire, and Climate Change Interactions in the Western U.S.”

Bio

Chelsea Nagy is a terrestrial ecologist and biogeochemist with a PhD from Brown University in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She is the Program Manager for Earth Lab at the University of Colorado, Boulder and works to identify strategic science initiatives, funding opportunities, and university and other (e.g., government, non-profit) partnerships. Her research explores the effects of invasive plant species, wildfire, and climate change on ecosystem carbon storage.

Overview

The presentation will start with an overview of the interactions of invasive grasses with fire (grass-fire cycle), as well as climate change. A case study will include information on the current distribution of cheatgrass across the western US, known impacts of cheatgrass on ecosystem functions/services, and an overview of management approaches/control methods for cheatgrass

3. Invasive species organizations updates/round-robin

(as time permits)

4. Next Quarterly Meeting Dates

July 28, 2022 – presentation TBD