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Invasive Plant Management Technical Webinar Series for Government Land Managers

The Center for Invasive Species Management (CISM) is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a three-part invasive plant management webinar series in March 2013. Sponsored by DuPont, the free webinars will provide federal agency land managers and other land management personnel (such as Conservation District personnel) with science-based information on the technical merits of herbicides and other control methods to aid in the decision-making and approval processes for on-the-ground invasive plant management efforts.

Each half-day webinar will focus on a particular region of the western United States: the Pacific Northwest (March 20), Greater Southwest (March 27), and High Plains and Intermountain West (March 28). Leading experts from universities, federal agencies, suppliers, and DuPont will provide stewardship and technical background information on the most effective new and existing herbicides for controlling target invasive plants in each respective region, thus enabling economical site rehabilitation and restoration. All three webinars will follow a similar curriculum and feature the same instructors; however, the invasive plant control information and resources discussed will be tailored to the geographic region under consideration.

Webinar participants will:

- Increase their ability to effectively remove invasive plant species that threaten commerce, public safety, recreation, wildlife habitat, and wildland health while complying with state and federal laws;
- Learn about the best integrated management tools available for conserving healthy ecosystems and sustaining desired populations of forbs, shrubs, trees, and grasses;
- Improve their ability to achieve restoration and conservation outcomes that are resilient to wildfire, inhibit erosion, and promote water quality—in a financially responsible, cost-effective manner—by selecting the best available herbicide tools;
- Improve the overall efficiency, effectiveness, and environmental sensitivity of herbicide applications; and
- Obtain control information, expert contacts, and resources that will improve their ability to manage invasive plants in their region.

CISM is currently pursuing pesticide re-certification and continuing education credits for webinar participants.

For more information, visit: www.weedcenter.org/technicalwebinars.

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