# Invasive Species - Noxious Weeds 2017 Review & 2018 Operations





1899 Carlotta, Huetter (I-90) Summer 2017



## Budget

- Prior to FY18 Invasive Species program operated on \$1.4 million/year budget, funded through the Invasive Species Sticker.
- > 2017 Legislature Funding:
  - \$3,143,300 in ongoing appropriation from the General Fund
  - \$1,000,000 in one-time federal fund spending authority (WRRDA)
  - \$1,400,000 base spending authority from the Invasive Species Fund
  - \$171,300 for Idaho State Police support
  - Three new inspection stations, plus 24-hour operation at Cotterell
  - ► Four new full-time positions
- WRRDA
  - Funding from US Army Corps of Engineers
    - ► Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA)
  - Agreement through Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
  - Provide funding to Pacific Northwest CRB States for prevention efforts
  - \$1 million to Idaho
  - ► Invoice PSMFC for CY17 watercraft inspection expenses December 2017
  - CY18 funding and agreement January 2018



## **Program Staff**

Since 2017 Session: 4 new FTEs, Turnover in 4 other positions

#### Statewide Management and Support

- Nic Zurfluh, Section Manager for Invasive Species Coordination and Outreach
- Jeremey Varley, Section Manager for Noxious Weeds
- Stephen Cox, GIS Specialist
- Dan Safford, Cricket/Grasshopper and Weed Free Hay

#### **Regional Program Staff**

#### Northern Idaho

- Dr. Kim Holzer, Ag Program Specialist
- Vacant, Technician

#### Southwestern Idaho

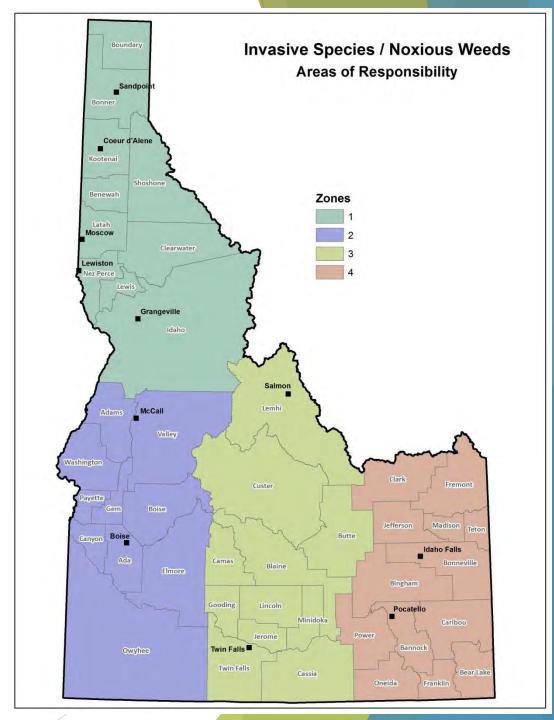
- Bethany Muffley, Ag Program Specialist
- Michael Johnson, Technician

#### South central Idaho

Aaron Ursenbach, Ag Program Specialist

#### Southeastern Idaho

- Cole Morrison, Ag Program Specialist
- Vacant, Technician



# **Interagency Coordination**

- Executive Order No. 2017-05 Idaho Invasive Species Council
  - Coordinated effort between private industry, local, tribal, state and federal governments.
  - Prevention and control of invasive species.
  - Bi-annual meetings
  - Chaired by the Director of Idaho State Department of Agriculture



#### IDAHO INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH. 2017 9:00AM - 4:00PM MST DAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 2270 OLD PENITENTIARY RD. BOISE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 208-332-8658









# Regional Meetings & Coordination

- Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER)
  - Portland
- Columbia River Basin Team (CRB)
  - Helena
  - Portland
- Western Regional Panel (WRP)
  - San Diego
- Building Consensus
- Western Governors' Association (WGA)
- Dept. of Interior Lake Mead Assessment
- Regional Conference Calls
- Lakes Commission
- Capital for the Day
- Bear Lake Regional Commission
- Fremont County



# **3 Program Areas**

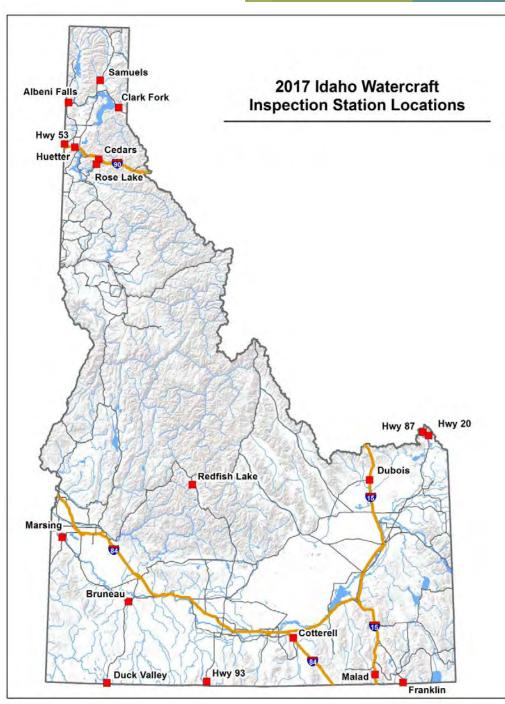
- Prevention
- Early Detection Monitoring
- Education and Outreach



# Watercraft Inspection 2017

- 9<sup>th</sup> year of the inspection program
- 18 inspection stations
  - 13 Cooperator stations
  - ► 5 ISDA stations
- Law enforcement support
  - Local County
  - Idaho State Police
- Agreement with Bear Lake Regional Commission to support two Utah stations
- Three roving crews- Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls

http://invasivespecies.idaho.gov/watercraft-inspection-stations/



### **Inspection Station Cooperators**

- Bear Lake Regional Commission
  - Garden City & Laketown Canyon (Utah)
- Bonner Soil & Water Conservation District
  - Albeni Falls, Samuels & Clark Fork
- Bruneau River Soil & Water Conservation District
  - Bruneau & Marsing
- City of Dubois
  - ► I-15 S Dubois
- Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District
  - ► Franklin
- Fremont County
  - HWY 87 & HWY 20

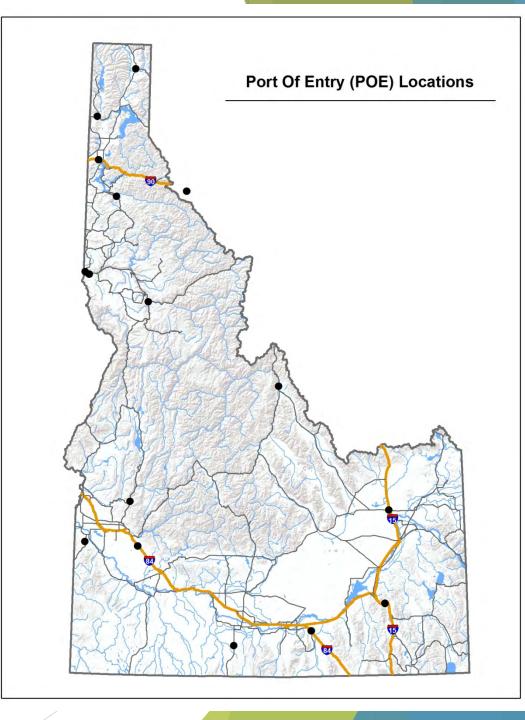
- Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District\*
  - ▶ I-90 W Cedars, I-90 E Huetter, HWY 3 Rose Lake, HWY 53.
- Lemhi County\*
  - ► HWY 93 North Fork
- Mid-Snake Resource Conservation & Development Council (Twin Falls County Weed Department)
  - HWY 93 Jackpot
- Oneida Soil & Water Conservation District
  - I-15 N Malad
- Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
  - Duck Valley
- West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District
  - I-84 W Cotterell

\*New Cooperator for 2018

#### Idaho Transportation Department Port of Entry (POE)

- Commercially Hauled Vessels are inspected for mussels at POE
- Customs & Boarder Protection also inspecting
  - Notify ISDA staff if mussel are found



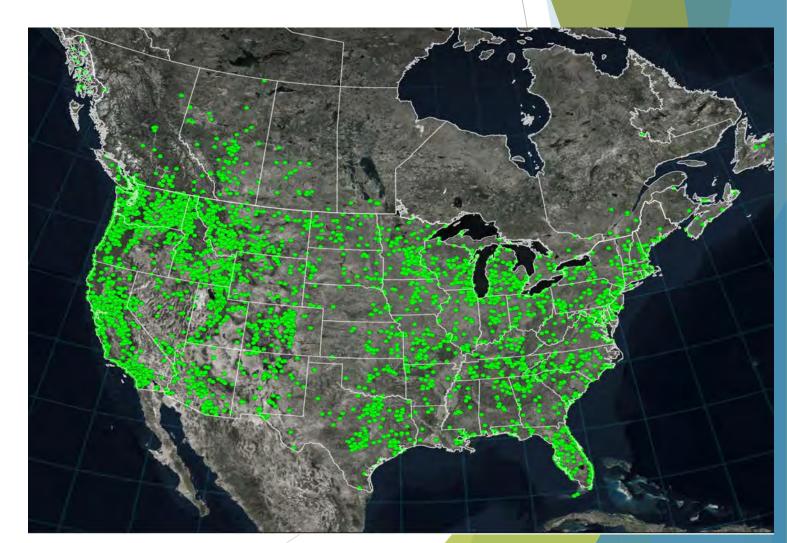


- 93,083 watercraft inspections
- 31 mussel fouled vessels
  - > 29 Non-viable mussels
  - 2 Viable mussels (Hold order issued)
    - Alberta
    - ► Twin Lakes Idaho (Kootenai County)
- Destinations
  - 7 Idaho
  - ► 11 Washington
  - ► 4 Oregon
  - ► 4 Montana
  - 2 Alberta
  - 3 British Columbia
- ► 525 with weeds
- ▶ 5,497 Hot washes performed
  - ► 97% Compliance

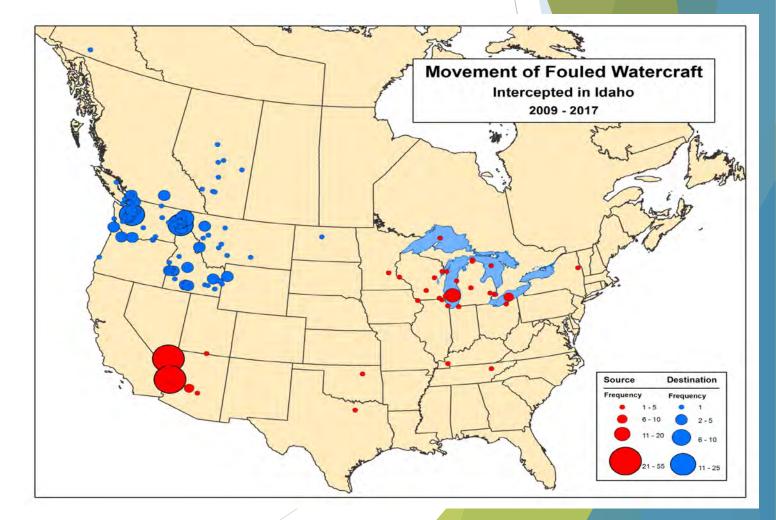
Station	Final #	Hot Wash	Weeds	Fouled	Refused Hotwash
Albeni Falls	8,585	2	11	0	1
Bruneau	2,661	6	1	0	0
Cedars	10,779	111	60	12	18
Clark Fork	5,734	15	54	0	1
Cotterell	2,815	250	10	5	44
Dubois	917	0	2	0	0
Franklin	4,177	26	24	0	2
Huetter	13,926	21	76	0	2
Hwy 20	6,144	2,386	126	0	5
Hwy 51 Duck Valley	63	0	0	0	0
Hwy 53	5,646	2	22	1	1
Hwy 87	6,431	2,105	18	0	0
HWY 93	1,835	228	4	5	31
Malad	4,327	291	19	5	86
Marsing	1,849	8	3	0	2
Redfish Lake	1,729	7	1	0	0
Rose Lake	3,316	6	19	0	0
Samuels	6,780	32	56	0	1
Roving Crew 1	1,333	0	4	0	0
Roving Crew 2	1,071	0	8	0	0
Roving Crew 3	819	1	0	0	0
Henrys Lake	2,146	0	7	0	0
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#### Each Station is Unique

- Boating traffic, demographic and timing can vary greatly from one station to another
- ▶ Where are you from ? (Zip code)

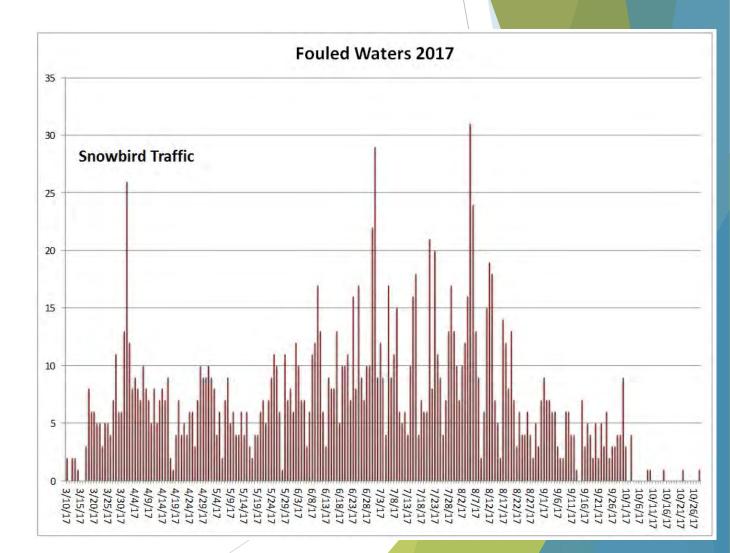


- What was the last waterbody you visited in previous 30 days? (RED)
- ► Where is your destination? (BLUE)



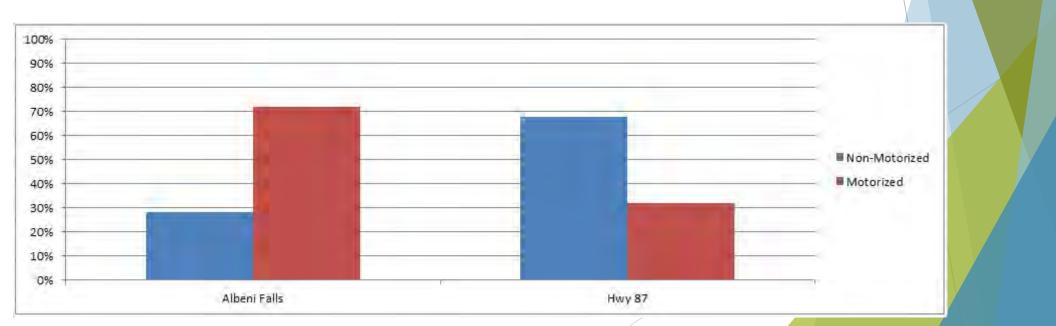
- ▶ What time of year are watercraft traveling?
  - "Snowbird" demographic (Spring)
  - Recreational boater demographic (Summer)
- Adjust open/close dates to most efficiently capture high risk traffic when traveling through





- ► User Demographic
  - Motorized vs. Non-motorized





### Why Non-Motorized Watercraft?

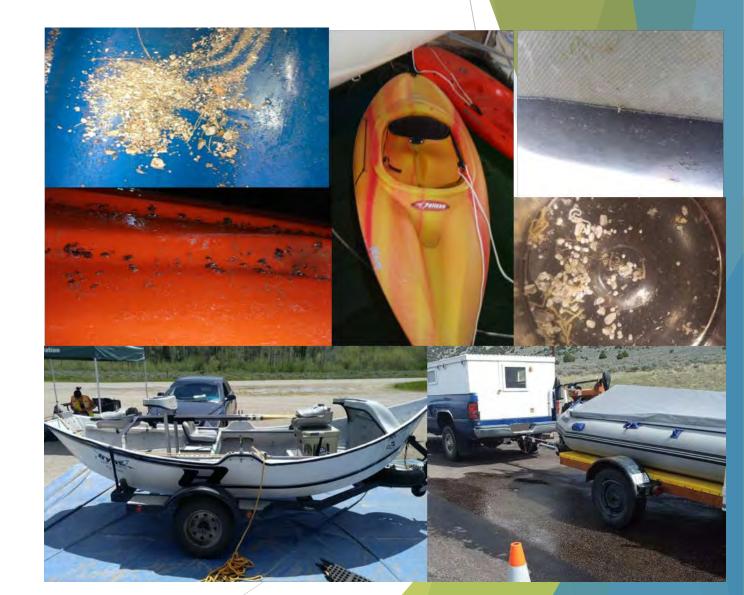
- ► 3 Touring Kayaks
  - Summer 2015
  - ► Hwy 93
  - Origin: Lake Mead, NV
  - Destination: MT

#### Drift Boat

- Summer 2016
- Hwy 87
- Origin: Muskegon River, MI
- Destination: Henry's Fork, Idaho

#### Inflatable Raft

- ► Spring 2017
- Malad (I-15 South)
- ► Origin: Havasu, AZ
- Destination: MT



# **AIS Roving Inspection Crew**

- Watercraft inspection & boater education
- Primarily at high use boat launches and boating events
  - Races, expos, regattas, peak holiday weekends, etc.
- Thursday-Sunday work week
- Motorized and non-motorized users
  - Headwater launches (i.e. Boundary Creek)
- 3 regional inspection crews
  - Southwest (Boise)
  - North (Coeur D'Alene)
  - Southeast (Idaho Falls)





## 24 Hour Nighttime Operations

- ► Cotterell (I-84 W)
- Cooperator: West-Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District
- Idaho State Police security support
- Idaho Transportation Department Cotterell Port of Entry support
- Increased lighting at site
- Electronic message board
- Nighttime Inspections July 21st, 2017- October 1st, 2017.





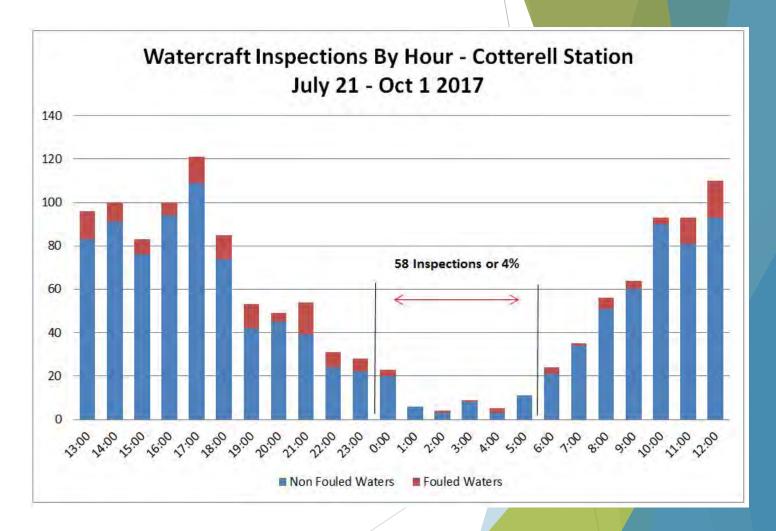
#### **Cotterell Data**

All inspections starting July 21st: 1,333

- Only 10:00 pm 6:00 am: 117
- Only 12:00 am 6:00 am: 58

#### From Fouled Waters (High Risk)

- ► All inspections starting July 21<sup>st</sup>: 153
- Only 10:00 pm 6:00 am: 39
- Only 12:00 am 6:00 am: 7



#### 2018 Inspection Station Operations

- New Inspection Stations
- Expanded Season Duration
- Expanded Law Enforcement Support
  - Idaho State Police (ISP)
  - Local County Sherriff's
- Expanded Night Operation
  - ▶ 18 Hour
    - Malad (I-15 N)
    - Cedars (I90 W)
    - Jackpot (HWY 93 N)
  - ► 24 Hour
    - ► Cottrell (I-84 W)

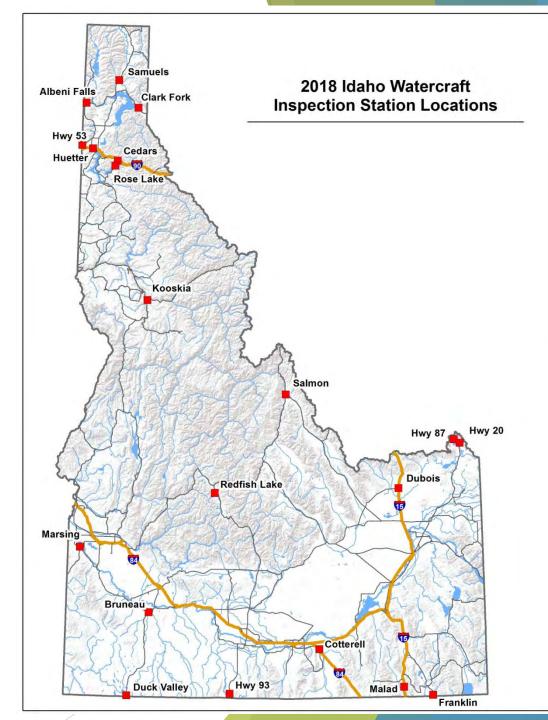
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# 2018 Inspection Station Agreements

- October 25, 2017
  - End of year meeting with station cooperators in Boise
- Early November
  - Gather cooperator feedback regarding operations & site improvements
- November 8, 2017
  - Idaho Invasive Species Council fall meeting in Boise
- January, 2018

Inspection Station agreements to cooperators



#### 2018 Inspection Station Site Improvements

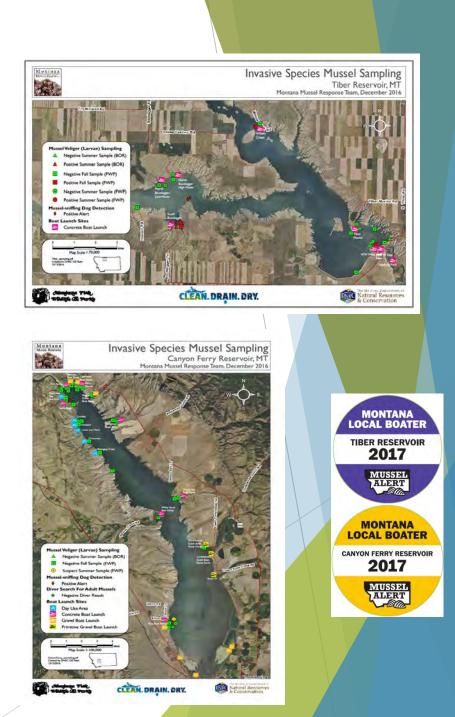
- Internet service at Cedars (I-90 W)- ITD
- Work shelter and electrical power (Bruneau)- ITD, Bruneau River SWCD, Idaho Power
- Work shelter (Marsing)- Bruneau River SWCD
- Expand footprint, work shelter, electrical power (Hwy 93)- ITD, Idaho Power, BLM, Twin Falls Weed Control
- Electrical power (Cotterell)- ITD, West Cassia SWCD
- Electrical power (Malad) ITD, Oneida SWCD
- Solar panels (Franklin)- Franklin SWCD completed Fall 2017
- Permanent signage (Bonner stations)- ITD, Bonner SWCD
- Work shelter, electrical power (Dubois)- shelter completed Fall 2017
- Electronic message boards- Statewide



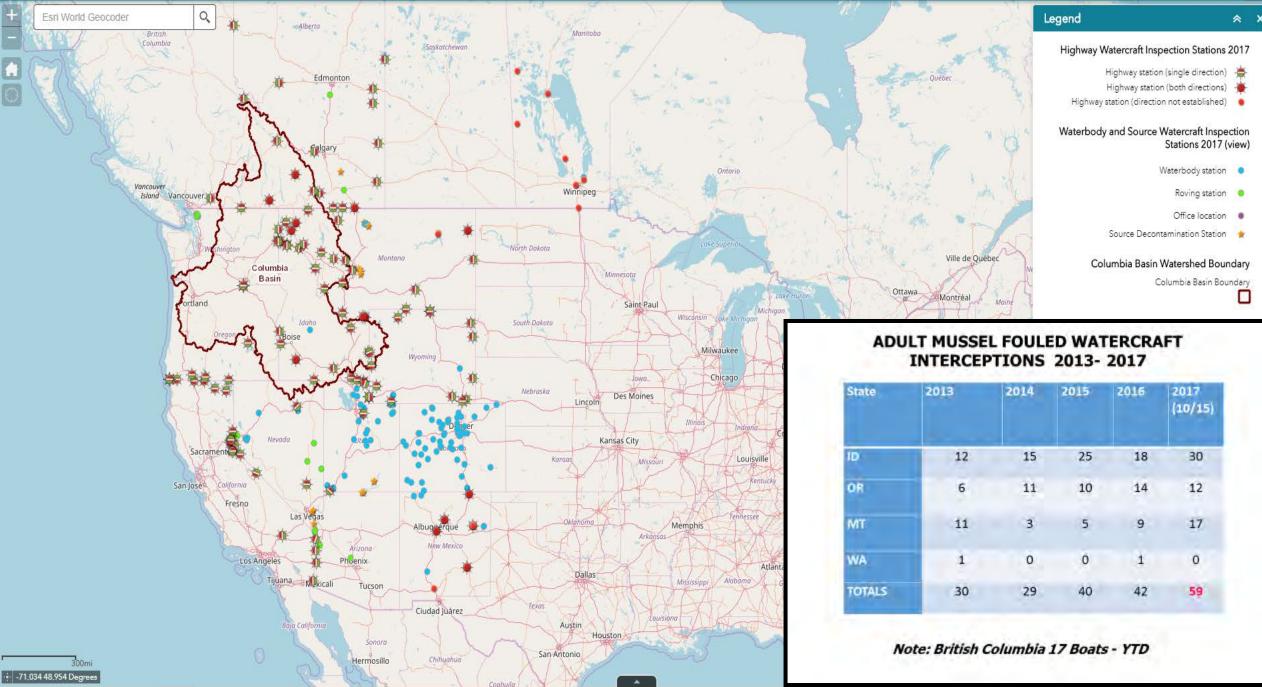
### Montana Mussel Update

#### ► Tiber (Lake Elwell) Reservoir:

- Mussel veligers identified in October 2016
- Montana categorized as "suspect" for quagga mussels
- Canyon Ferry Reservoir: Helena
  - Single mussel veliger identified that appears to be zebra/quagga
  - Montana categorized as "inconclusive"
- Invasive Species Emergency declared
- Incident command team established
  - Team disbanded and shifted to implementation
  - \$10 million over the next 2 years
- Expanded prevention and containment measures
- ► No veliger or adult detections in 2017



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#### **Prenotification Documents**

- Networking between regional partners is improving
- Information provided by various agencies
  - State partners
  - Colorado System
  - Transportation permits
- Information passed on to inspection station(s) & managers

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#### **Foul Watercraft Protocol**

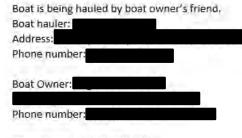
- Call the Hotline: 208-332-8623
- Provide detailed information:
  - Origin and destination
    - Destination address and phone number.
  - Owner / Hauler's Name, Address, Phone #
  - Type of boat
  - Location of mussels
  - Description of mussels
- Follow-up inspections by ISDA staff for all Idaho destined watercraft
- Information forwarded to regional partners for out of state destinations

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Foul watercraft intercepted at ID I-15N Malad watercraft inspection station 8.10.2017 @ 4:00 PM

#### Origin: Lake Havasu, AZ Days out of water: Unknown. Out of water when boat was picked up. History unknown.

Destination: Missoula, MT



Towing vehicle: MT-BWU738 White dodge dually

2 trailers-Flatbed: MT- 964BLC Boat trailer: ID- 474597B

Boat Destription: 2006 Sun Cruiser lowe Jahiti 2020 White with red/grey decal Boat Reg: AZ 8673 BW HIN#: LWCD0001D606

Boat is being thoroughly hotwashed at Malad. Found 2 mussels on hull around lower outdrive. (removed)

Hauler is aware of MT check station onI-15 and will stop on the way through.

Great work Malad inspectors!

Please let me know if I can provide any more information.

### **Foul Watercraft Protocol**

Inspectors perform field tests to determine mussel viability

Viable mussels: Wet, moist, intact. Close when agitated. Hesitate forced opening. Sink in water. Open and begin siphon in water

Dead mussels: Dry, brittle, crumbling. Stay open when agitated. Easily forced opened or crumbles. Float in water. Will not siphon in water

- Viable mussels. (2 watercraft in 2017)
  - ISDA will impound and decontaminate
    - Decontamination is more thorough and intensive than a Hot Wash
    - Law enforcement will be contacted
- Dead mussels. (29 watercraft in 2017)
  - Inspectors perform hot wash
  - ISDA will notify destination states and/or provinces
  - Information documented with data unit and high risk inspection form





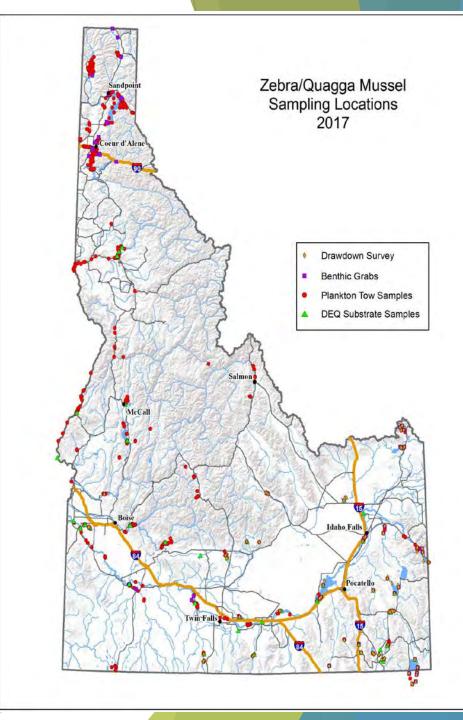




### **Early Detection Monitoring**

- Veliger Monitoring (microscopy)
  - > 905 plankton samples collected from 80 waterbodies
    - Multiple sample events, bi-weekly, per waterbody
    - 2 week turnaround for lab analysis
    - Initiate rapid response if detections occur
- Adult Monitoring (visual)
  - Reservoir drawdown, substrate and benthic grab sampling
- No suspicious detections in Idaho or anywhere in the Columbia River Basin
- Assistance from partners
- Survey for invasive plants, snails, clams, mussels, crayfish, etc.



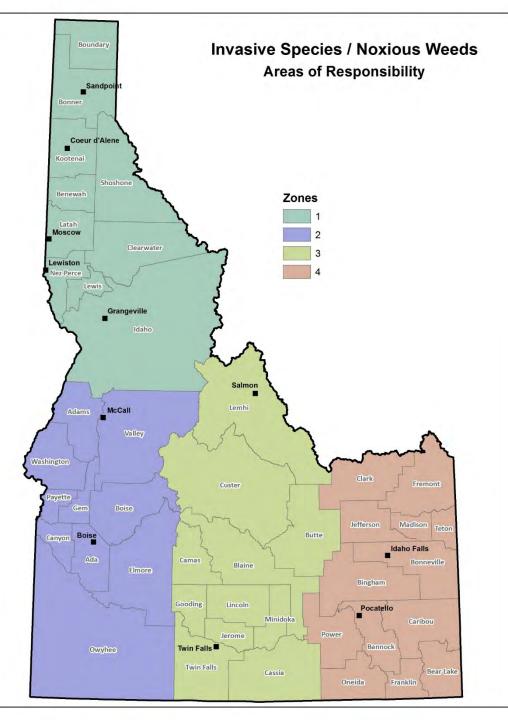




# Noxious Weed Update

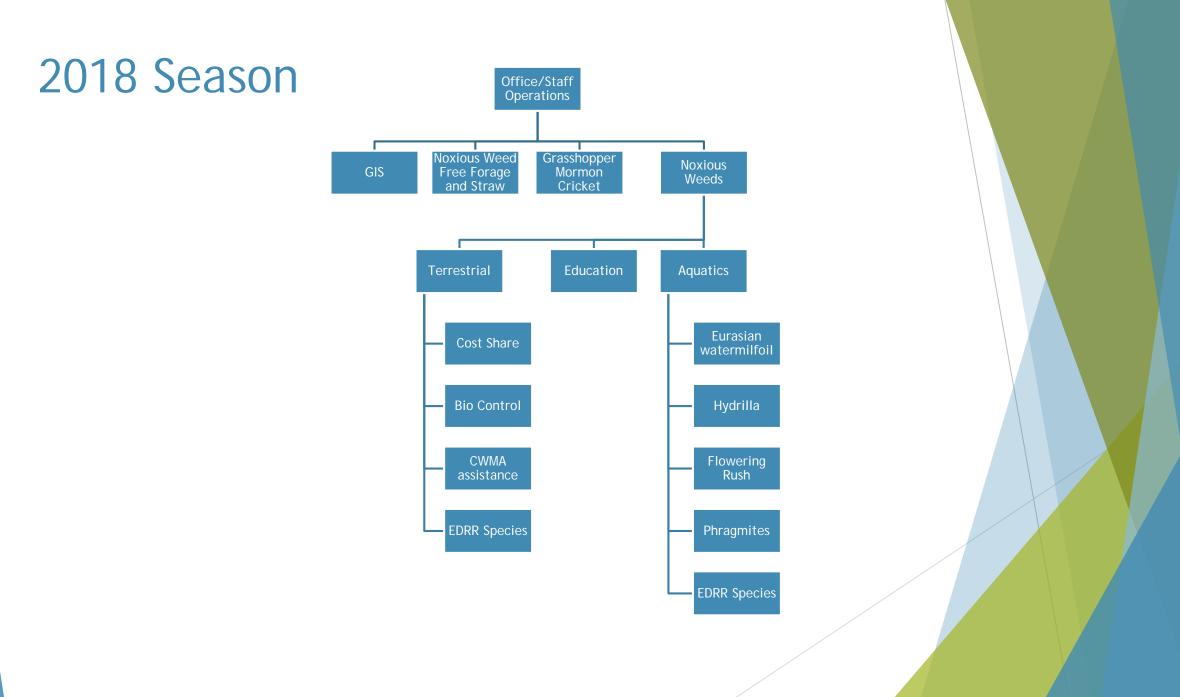
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#### Cooperative Weed Management Area Cost Share Grant

- Review of 2017
- Outlook for 2018
- Changes for 2018

- 29 CWMAs participated
- \$1.1 million awarded
- \$4 million in in-kind generated
- ▶ 180,955.5 acres of noxious weeds treated
- 1.2 million acres inventoried
- Over 699,000 people contacted through the CWMAs
- ► 1,692.4 acres of site revegetation



- \$1.5 million available
- \$180k federal funds available for projects to improve Greater Sage Grouse habitat
- ▶ 30 CWMAs have applied with \$1.6 Million in requests
- Cost Share Review Committee Met on January 30-31<sup>st</sup> to review projects
- Recommendations from the committee are passed to Director for approval

- For the 2018 Cost Share cycle some changes where implemented to overcome some of the challenges with noxious weed control
- Challenges
  - Measuring success
    - CWMAs are required to turn in "mapping data" as to their weed control activities, but no parameters set as to the type of data of to be turned in
  - Conflicts of Interest
  - In-kind match rates

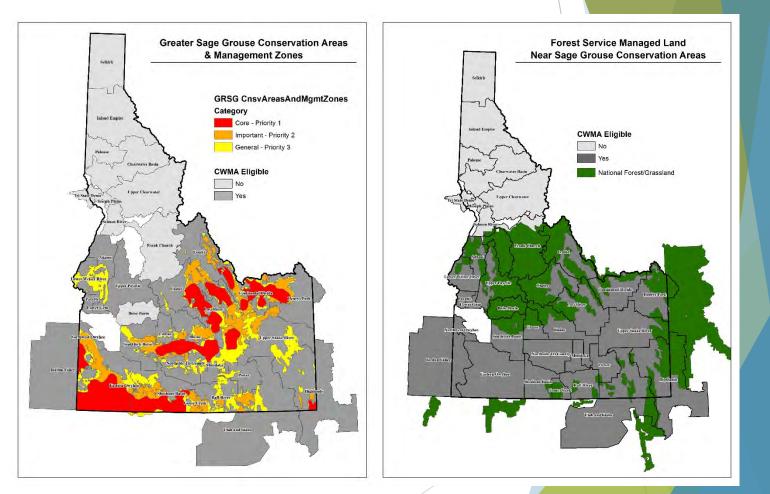




- ► The CWMAs have been good at turning data in, Everyone's is just different
  - Every CWMA's capabilities are different ( paper  $\rightarrow$  Advanced GIS )
- This change is to require a minimum standard to apply to data reporting not how it is collected.
- ► This will allow for more useful data for the purposes of:
  - ► EOY reporting
  - Project Performance (Audit)
  - ► Legislature
- Answer the question: Is this program successful?



There will be federal funds available for the 2018 grant cycle. It will be tied to Sage grouse habitat and relation ship to forest canopy cover. All projects will be based on approval of ISDA, OSC, and USFS.



### Aquatic Noxious Weeds

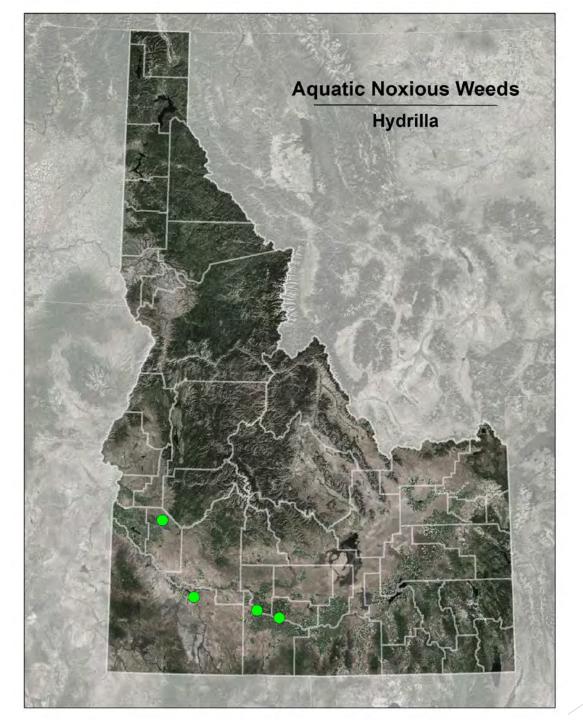
- A review of 2017 projects
  - ► Hydrilla
  - Eurasian watermilfoil
  - ► Flowering rush
  - Phragmites



# Hydrilla

- 4 known locations
  - ▶ Boise (2007)
  - Bruneau River (2008)
  - Buhl (2015)
  - ► Twin Falls (2015)
- All locations are in geo-thermal influenced waters
  - Very aggressive and persistent plant
  - Only requires 1% of light to grow







## Hydrilla

- Success story of Hydrilla in Idaho
  - Treated as Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR)
  - Removal efforts have been Chemical, Biological, and Mechanical removal
  - All populations are trending down
    - Boise population is in its second year of no plants found
  - Bruneau River population is well illustrated on Invasive Species of Idaho Website

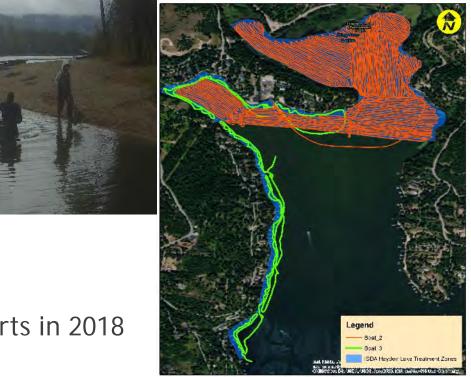




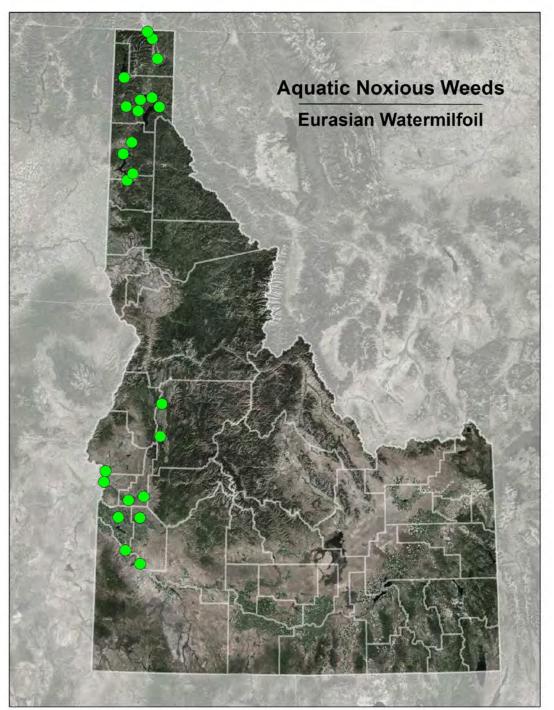
## Eurasian watermilfoil

- Chemical Treatments 133.5 acres
  - Hayden Lake (113.5)
  - Cocolalla Lake (20)
- Mechanical Removal
  - Contracted Diver Removal
  - ISDA Mokins Bay, Hayden Lake dredge removal
- Increased survey efforts to facilitate better control efforts in 2018

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August 2nd Herbicide Treatments

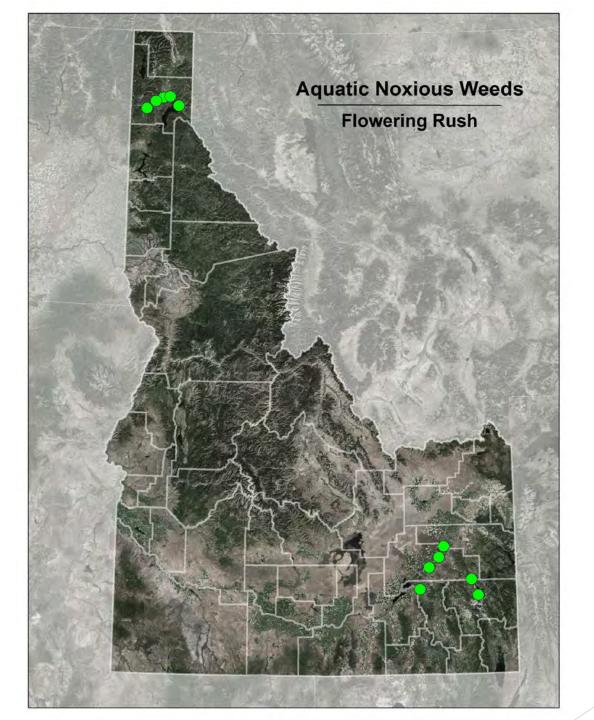




# Flowering Rush

- 2017 was a continuation of ARS Flowering rush effective treatment evaluation.
  - Pend Oreille Lake (Bonner County)
  - Rose Ponds (Bingham County)
- Expecting end of season report soon
- Flowering rush will be surveyed and treated in 2018
  - Determine rate of spread
  - Total distribution
  - Work on leading edges to try and reduce rate of spread



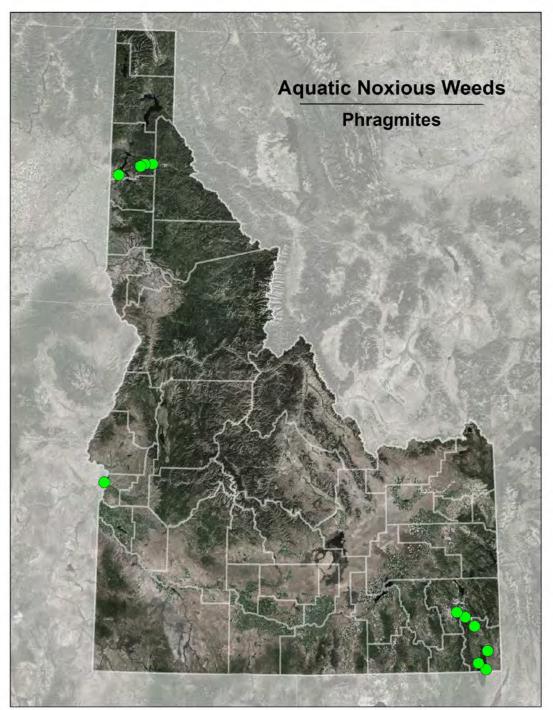




#### Phragmites australis

- Looking into viable treatment options for 2018
- Pilot project targeting seed head removal in high traffic area
  - 9/20/2017 1,765 seed heads removed
    - Potentially 2 million seeds removed







### Phragmites australis

- Historically population has been in the Bear Lake area
  - ISDA has worked with local Cooperative Weed Management Area to control this species
  - Currently working with local groups to make the best management decisions for 2018
- As new populations are being identified ISDA will continue to work with local working groups to better facilitate management of the invasive plant



#### Aquatic Noxious Weeds

- Anytime water is involved there are additional requirements and public perception issues
- Each of these species present challenges in tools available for control
- New plans for survey techniques for 2018 to capture a better picture of what Idaho really has and where our focus needs to be
- With each aquatic species also comes the challenge of selecting the best management practice to achieve control level goals



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- Invasive Species & Noxious Weeds
- Watercraft Inspection
- Early Detection Monitoring

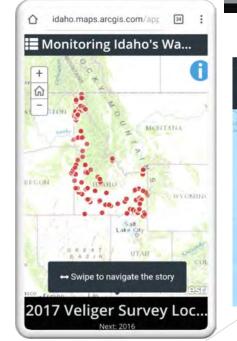
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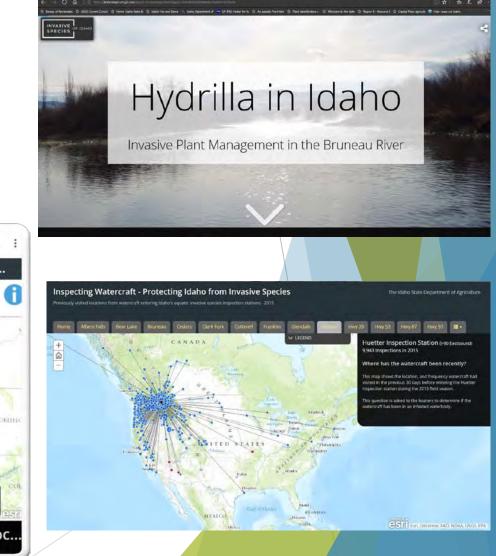
- Grasshopper & Mormon Cricket Control
- Noxious Weed Free Forage & Straw
- ► Forms, Reports, & Publications
- Maps

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- ► FAQs
- Laws & Rules
- Contact Information





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## **Education and Outreach**

- Campaign
  - Clean, Drain, Dry
  - Know What you Grow
  - Don't Let it Loose
  - Knock it Off
  - Buy it where you burn it
- Various Pathways
  - Inspection stations
  - Cooperative partners
  - Outreach events, seminars and workshops
  - Radio
  - ► Website
  - Facebook
  - Banner advertisement
  - Google advertisement
  - Promotional item, brochure, sticker, etc.
  - Watercraft registration flyer





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