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Listening Session Questions Regarding the Revision of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Invasive Species Strategic Plan

The Department of the Interior (DOI) anticipates using the 2021-2025 DOI Invasive Species Strategic Plan as the foundation for DOI's next Invasive Species Strategic Plan. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the questions below during the virtual listening sessions to be held in July to help inform the plan's revision. You may also submit written comments by 5:00 p.m., ET, July 31, 2026.

Comments will be accepted via email to invasivespecies@ios.doi.gov (please include "Comments: DOI Invasive Species Strategic Plan Revision" in the subject line of the email) or mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Policy Analysis-Mailstop 3530, ATTN: Invasive Species Comments, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

For reference:

DOI Invasive Species Strategic Plan, 2021-2025:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/doi-invasive-species-strategic-plan-2021-2025-508.pdf>

DOI Invasive Species Accomplishments Report, 2021-2025:

<https://www.doi.gov/media/document/invasive-species-accomplishments-report-2021-2025>

Please consider sharing input on one or more of the following questions. Comments should focus on issues and actions that are within DOI's mission and authorities to address.

1. In reviewing the mission, vision, goals, objectives, and strategies in the 2021-2025 DOI Invasive Species Strategic Plan (linked above), which components continue to serve your jurisdiction or community, and which should be updated, clarified, or re-prioritized?
2. Based on the accomplishments highlighted in the recent Accomplishments Report (linked above), which approaches or initiatives demonstrated the most meaningful outcomes for you? What challenges, gaps, or unintended barriers remain?
3. DOI has placed strong emphasis on early detection and rapid response (EDRR) in recent years (i.e., proactively detecting invasive species early and rapidly responding to eliminate them before they establish, spread, and cause costly harm). What specific resources (e.g., capabilities, protocols, data systems, partnership arrangements) would most strengthen EDRR across your jurisdiction or community? What barriers (e.g., operational, regulatory, technical, cross-jurisdictional, or other) keep EDRR from happening?

4. Similar to EDRR, prevention activities and eradication and control efforts remain core components of DOI's approach to invasive species management. What specific strategies would most strengthen prevention activities and eradication and control efforts across your jurisdiction or community that are within DOI's mission and authorities to address?
5. What emerging invasive species threats, pathways, or management needs have become more urgent since 2021 when the original plan was released—and how should these shape new or elevated priorities in the upcoming plan?
6. How can DOI improve coordination and co-production (the co-development and co-implementation of shared strategies) with your jurisdiction or community based on your experience with our implementation of the original plan?
7. During the next five years, where would DOI partnership be the most beneficial (e.g., coordination, permitting/compliance efficiency, technical tools, training, data infrastructure)?
8. What additional recommendations—large or small—should DOI consider so that the revised plan is responsive, actionable, and aligned with the realities and priorities of your jurisdiction or community?