

Elizabeth Brown

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Elizabeth Brown is passionate about invasive species prevention and management. She is an independent contractor representing the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA) where she serves as the Government Relations Director. Elizabeth leads NAISMA's science policy and advocacy efforts and coordinates National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW). Elizabeth has provided leadership to advance the Professional Development, Certified Weed Free Products, Standards, and PlayCleanGo Programs.

Elizabeth Brown has worked in the field of natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation, specializing in invasive species management, for over twenty years. She started her business, Elizabeth Brown Environmental Consulting LLC in 2020 following eighteen years with the State of Colorado. Elizabeth enjoys co-creating multi-jurisdictional management strategies built on trust and mutually beneficial goals that empower public-private partnerships and creative problem solving.

Elizabeth is the former State Invasive Species Program Manager with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW). In this role, she was responsible for implementation and oversight of the statewide aquatic nuisance species (ANS) watercraft inspection and decontamination (WID) network, sampling and monitoring, education and outreach, rapid response, and related ANS program management duties. Elizabeth coordinated collaborative, multi-jurisdictional management teams focused on prevention, management, recreation, and water quality for more than a dozen reservoirs. As team leader, she led early detection and rapid response activities for a suite of priority species.

Elizabeth's duties also included coordinating terrestrial noxious weeds, invasive animals, forest pests, and pathogen management. She provided training and technical expertise to staff and partners related to invasive species, stewardship planning, vegetation management, wildlife management, recreation planning, and other land or water uses.

Prior to managing the Invasive Species Program, Elizabeth was the Stewardship Coordinator for Colorado State Parks. In this role, she was responsible for conducting biological inventories of Parks and Natural Areas. She managed the statewide raptor monitoring program and facilitated agency compliance with NEPA and other relevant laws and regulations.

Elizabeth was the first Early Detection Rapid Response Specialist for the State of Colorado's Noxious Weed Program. This position was focused on assisting local governments with the implementation of the State Weed Law. Elizabeth helped to control invasive weeds on the landscape and served as liaison between the state and participating governments.

Elizabeth had the honor of being the Chair of the Western Regional Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species from 2011-2020 and was the Chair of the Western Invasive Species Coordinating Effort for five years. She has been participating on the ANS Task Force since 2008. Elizabeth is Past-President and an active member of the Colorado Lakes and Reservoir Management Association. Elizabeth is also the Past-President and a current Advisor to the Colorado Weed Management Association.

Elizabeth lives on the front range in Colorado and enjoys spending free time with her husband, four kids, and their black lab enjoying the great outdoors. Her hobbies include gardening and photography.