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National Conference to Highlight Invasive Species
Invasive Species: Change and Dollars

Bringing together diverse organizations and agencies with an interest in invasive species is the goal of **National Invasive Species Awareness Week** (www.nisaw.org), which will be held Jan. 10-14, 2010, in Washington, DC. Morning presentations will focus on invasive species and climate change, energy, and the green economy, while afternoons will offer an array of Special Issues panels, presentations, and workshops hosted by diverse interests. Evenings will include a Movie Night and a Capitol Hill Reception. The conference will conclude with a Networking Day to discuss how everyone might work together to minimize the impact of invasive species in a time of rapid global change.

Titled “Invasive Species: Change and Dollars,” the event is organized by a national, non-Federal, bi-partisan coalition of groups representing private citizens, local and state natural resource and agriculture agencies, academia, professional scientific societies, environmental organizations, and businesses.

Organizers expect to:

- ✓ Call attention to invasive species issues – targeting Congress and Federal agencies;
- ✓ Generate action – empowering new policies and adequate funding;
- ✓ Build a national grassroots network – working together to limit the impacts of invasive species.

The early registration deadline is Dec. 10. Links to registration information and the conference hotel can be found at www.nisaw.org.