

# **Oregon Invasive Species Council** (est. 2001)

## **Council Responsibilities** (ORS 540.755)

- **Emergency Control Account**
- **Statewide Strategic Plan**
- **Education and Outreach Grants**
- **Educate the Public and Policy Makers**
- **Invasive Species Reporting Hotline**





# Council Operations Funding

- ▶ **Allow the Council to increase contracted coordinator hours, tackle more projects, and enhance collaboration.**

The Council will:

- **Evaluate state invasive species programs** to identify gaps and prioritize actions.
- **Build and reinforce connections** among partners, managers, and policy makers.
- **Enhance capacity for incident management** informed emergency response.

**Unchecked, invasive species have the potential to imperil public health and transform ecosystems, resulting in widespread economic and environmental devastation.**

# Education and Outreach Grant Funding

- ▶ Allow the implementation of a competitive grant program for partner organizations, tribes, schools, and more.

The Council will:

- **Empower communities** to build knowledge and awareness of local issues.
- **Encourage innovative partnerships** to increase awareness.
- **Facilitate meaningful outreach and education** projects statewide.




**It is critical that we establish and maintain a high level of awareness of invasive species issues and we need to inspire the next generation to mobilize and lead these efforts.**

# Emergency Control Account Funding

- ▶ **Allow the Council to continue to allocate meaningful resources to emergency control projects.**

The Council will:

- **Facilitate eradication or control of new or expanding infestations** by providing grants on an as-needed basis.
- **Save the Oregon money** by providing funds when they are most likely to contribute to success.



**Estimated cost of  
invasive species  
impacts in Oregon  
range from  
\$0.5B - \$3B annually.**



# Feral swine



- ✓ Invasive species
  - Erosion and soil compaction
  - Noxious weeds
- ✓ Wildlife Coexistence
  - Crop damage
  - Livestock diseases: pseudorabies, swine fever
- ✓ Wildlife Diseases
  - Brucellosis, salmonella, trichinellosis, etc.
- ✓ Wildlife Corridors
  - Range expansion



# Working together to address invasive species challenges we will:



- ▶ Protect Oregon's natural resources and economy
- ▶ Keep Oregon's people and places healthy
- ▶ Save Oregon money through prevention and emergency response

