NORTH AMERICAN
INVASIVE SPECIES FORUM

FICMNEW and the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) recently co-hosted the virtual 2025 North American Invasive Species Forum (NAISF) in collaboration with indigenous groups and partners in Canada and Mexico. The forum was convened, May 13-16, with the theme: *Shared Borders, Shared Opportunities* and was attended by over 200 participants.

Built on two-decades-plus collaboration, this free, online forum highlighted new invasive weed species collaborative opportunities, research, emerging issues, and prevention and response initiatives across the continent and among international neighbors. This year's forum focused on seven important topics: engagement in international frameworks, cross-border biosecurity, e-commerce of invasive species, risk management, early detection and rapid response, citizen and community science, and the nexus of invasive species and wildfires.

The 2025 Forum highlighted the importance of invasive species data sharing, institutional relationships, and communication and we look forward to working with our partners to continue the dialog and plan for the 2027 NAISF in Canada. Information exchange provided by the NAISF framework is intended to facilitate organizational capacities to address the threat of invasive species on governmental and private lands and to share innovative and effective ways to work across boundaries with these shared goals.

We extend our gratitude to the wonderful Keynote Speakers, Dr. Laura Meyerson, Professor, Department of Natural Resources Science, the University of Rhode Island and Ms. Jane Breckenridge, Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, director of the Euchee Butterfly Farm Leonard, OK; to the many panelists that gave so freely of their expertise for this forum; the International Program Planning Committee members, and all of the FICMNEW members, WSSA, and other volunteers for their time in making this event successful.

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