

# ISAC Meeting – June 14-16, 2011

## ACTION OR INFORMATION ITEM

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**TOPIC:** Biological pest control in Colorado

**SPEAKER (Name/Email):** Dr. Dan Bean (dan.bean@ag.state.co.us)

**1. DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:** Dan will provide an overview of the State of Colorado's robust biological pest control program that provides service to private landowners and public land management agencies managing insect and plant invasive species. The program also provides support to invasive species control programs throughout the West.

**2. WHY IS THIS ITEM IMPORTANT TO NISC / ISAC? HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN?** Colorado's biological pest control program provides an important bridge between the efforts of USDA-ARS/APHIS and the end users of biological control. Without this bridge and the capabilities provided by state biocontrol programs, federal efforts to distribute and establish biological control agents would be much less efficient. Robust biocontrol efforts are also an important component of IPM programs that are often overlooked and under-funded. The management of some of the Nation's most widespread invasive pests is made much more cost-effective and realistic with the integration of biological control programs like Colorado's.

**3. PREVIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN BY NISC / ISAC ON THIS ITEM:** This will be an excellent preface to both the field trip and presentation from Joe DiTomaso.

**4. ACTION REQUESTED OF NISC / ISAC:** None.

**5. ALTERNATIVES:**

**6. ATTACHMENTS:**