



IVMA of BC 2025 Biennial Forum

November 4 – 6, 2025

Marriott Hotel in Prince George – HYBRID (in person and virtual participation)

Day 1: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4th, 2025

Opening and Welcome – Day 1

- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm** Welcome to the IVMA of BC 2025 Forum – *Dan Tisseur, IVMA President, and Mayor Simon Yu, Prince George, BC*
- 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm** Navigating Misinformation – *Jaigris Hodson, Royal Roads University*
- 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm** Understanding Herbicide Toxicity & Exposure – *David Pinzon, Corteva (0.75 Pesticide Safety)*

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break**

Session 1: Government and Local Updates

- 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm** Sterilizing Excavated Soils Contaminated with Bohemian Knotweed (*Fallopia × bohemica*) Propagules Using Heat and Drowning Techniques – *Adam Soames, Thompson Rivers University (0.75 Pest Management)*
- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm** NWIPC Spotlight – *Michelle Miller and Katie Cunningham, Northwest Invasive Plant Council (0.5 Pest Management)*
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm** Updates from Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program – *Laura Feeny, Regional Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement Inspector (0.5 Acts & Regulations)*
- 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm** **Welcome Reception and Trade Show – ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WELCOME**



Day 2: WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5th

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast – ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!**

Opening and Welcome – Day 2

- 8:00 am – 8:10 am** Welcome to the IVMA of BC 2025 Forum – *Dan Tisseur, IVMA President*
- 8:10 am – 9:00 am** **Integrated Pest Management Updates from the BC Ministry of Environment and Parks**
- Regulatory and Provincial Integrated Pest Management Program Update - *Emily Carmichael, P.Ag A/Large Industry Specialist, BC Ministry of Environment and Parks* (0.5 Acts & Regulations)
 - Compliance & Environmental Enforcement Branch IPM Team News and Updates - *Michael Lapham, P.Ag, Compliance Section Head – Recycling and IPM, BC Ministry of Environment and Parks*
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am** 2023 IVMA Forum Workshop Results & Updates on Digital Platform for IPM - *Haley Sawyer, Senior Product Manager, Ministry of Environment and Parks and Stewart Pressney, Senior UX Practitioner, Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship*

Session 2: Right-of-Way Management

- 9:30 am – 10:00 am** What's New in Linear Vegetation Management – *Geoff Helfrich, BC Hydro* (0.5 Pest Management)
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am** Goat Herbivory as Vegetation Management on Right-of- Ways – *Torin Kelly, Invasive Species Council of BC, and Nathan O'Reilley, Spectrum Resource Group* (0.5 Environment)
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am** **Coffee Break**



Session 3: Emerging Technology

- 11:00 am – 11:30 am** Keep Calm and Drone On: Two Years of Invasive Species Treatments with Drones – *Samantha Loutzenhiser, KCI Technologies* (0.5 Application Technology)
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm** Managing Cheatgrass with Drones Along Highways in Washington – *Ray Williard, Maintenance Landscape Architect for the Washington State Department of Transportation* (0.5 Pest Management)

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm Lunch – ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!

Session 3: Emerging Technology (continued)

- 12:45 pm – 1:15 pm** The Digital Future of Vegetation Management – *Kurtis Poettcker, CTO, AbaData* (0.5 Application Technology)
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm** Satelytics Mapping System – *Sean Donegan, President & CEO of Satelytics* (0.25 Application Technology)
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm** Drone Use for Broadcasting Soil Amendments – *Mike Friesen, Operations Manager, Pineview Vegetation Management*

Session 4: Panel Discussion: Perspectives on Vegetation Management

- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm** Panelists Discussion (*Moderated by Dan Tisseur*) (1.0 Professionalism)

Jennifer Davy, Spectrum Resource Group – Applicator Perspective

Rhonda Kariz, Planning Forester, BC Hydro – Utilities Perspective

Vincent Day, Canfor – Forestry Perspective

Chelton Van Geloven, Director of Lands, Natural Resources and Stewardship Lheidli T'enneh First Nations – First Nations Perspective

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Coffee Break

Session 5: Herbicide Innovations

- 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm** Invasive Annual Grass Control Options – *Dr. Vicki Maloney, ENVU* (0.5 Pest Management)
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm** Rinskor Active – *Lisa Jarrett, Corteva Agriscience* (0.25 Application Technology)



- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm** Selective Management of Multiple Invasive Aquatic Plants in BC Using ProcellaCOR FX Aquatic Herbicide – *Jon Gosselin, SePRO* (0.25 Application Technology)
- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm** The BASF Portfolio for Forestry and Invasives – *Brad Hayhoe, BASF* (0.5 Application Technology)
- 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm** **IVMA of BC Annual General Meeting – All Members Welcome!**
- 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** **Banquet with Dinner & Entertainment – FEATURING Alex Mackenzie, Stand-up Comedian! (Included in Registration Fee)**

Day 3: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6th

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am** **Breakfast – ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!**

Session 6: Vegetation Management Updates

- 8:00 am – 8:45 am** Updates on the Legal Landscape & Consultation – *Cliff Proudfoot, Lawyer* (0.75 Acts & Regulations)
- 8:45 am – 9:00 am** Managing Vegetation After Fires & Floods – *Mike Dedels, P.Ag, Executive Director, Grasslands Conservation Council of BC* (0.25 Environment)
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am** Site C Biocontrol Project – *Thomas Hatch and Nolan Myers, BIT, Pathfinder* (0.25 Environment)
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am** **Coffee Break**

Session 7: Research

- 10:00 am – 10:30 am** Research Opportunity: Laser Equipped Drones and Invasive Plant Management – *David Irwin, GreenTech Projects Corporation* (0.5 Application Technology)
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am** Reduced Function in *Chamaenerion angustifolium* After Sub-lethal Glyphosate Exposure – *Alexandra R. Golt, MSc, UNBC* (0.5 Environment)
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am** Exploring Indirect Effects from Pesticide Use in Forestry – *Chris Edge, Canadian Forest Service – Atlantic Forestry Centre* (0.75 Environment)
- 11:45 am – 12:00 pm** **Closing Remarks – *Dan Tisseur, IVMA President***

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING THE IVMA OF BC