



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

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| 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm | Welcome to the IVMA of BC 2025 Forum – <i>Dan Tisseur, IVMA President, and Mayor Simon Yu, Prince George, BC</i> |
| 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm | Navigating Misinformation – <i>Jaigris Hodson, Royal Roads University</i> |
| 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm | Understanding Herbicide Toxicity & Exposure – <i>David Pinzon, Corteva</i> |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm | Coffee Break |

Session 1: Government and Local Updates

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| 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm | Sterilizing Excavated Soils Contaminated with Bohemian Knotweed (<i>Fallopia × bohemica</i>) Propagules Using Heat and Drowning Techniques – <i>Adam Soames, Thompson Rivers University</i> |
| 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm | NWIPC Spotlight – <i>Michelle Miller and Katie Cunningham, Northwest Invasive Plant Council</i> |
| 4:45 pm – 5:15 pm | Updates from Health Canada's Pesticide Compliance Program – <i>Laura Feeny, Regional Regulatory Compliance & Enforcement Inspector</i> |
| 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*
- 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*

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*

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*
- 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*

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*
- 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm** Satelytics Mapping System – *Sean Donegan, President & CEO of Satelytics*
- 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*)

Jennifer Davy, Spectrum Resource Group – Applicator Perspective

Rhonda Kariz, Planning Forester, BC Hydro – Utilities Perspective

Vincent Day, Canfor – Industry 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*
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm** Rinskor Active – *Lisa Jarrett, Corteva Agriscience*



- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm** Selective Management of Multiple Invasive Aquatic Plants in BC Using ProcellaCOR FX Aquatic Herbicide – *Jon Gosselin, SePRO*
- 4:15 pm – 4:45 pm** The BASF Portfolio for Forestry and Invasives – *Brad Hayhoe, BASF*
- 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*
- 8:45 am – 9:00 am** Managing Vegetation After Fires & Floods – *Mike Dedels, P.Ag, Executive Director, Grasslands Conservation Council of BC*
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am** Site C Biocontrol Project – *Thomas Hatch and Nolan Myers, Pathfinder*
- 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*
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am** Reduced Function in *Chamaenerion angustifolium* After Sub-lethal Glyphosate Exposure – *Alexandra R. Golt, MSc, UNBC*
- 11:00 am – 11:45 am** Exploring Indirect Effects from Pesticide Use in Forestry – *Chris Edge, Canadian Forest Service – Atlantic Forestry Centre*
- 11:45 am – 12:00 pm** **Closing Remarks – *Dan Tisseur, IVMA President***

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING AND SUPPORTING THE IVMA OF BC