



Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie  
National Forest

## Mt Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest Invasive Plant Draft Environmental Impact Statement Frequently Asked Questions

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### **What is the purpose of The Mt. Baker Snoqualmie Invasive Plant Treatment Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)?**

Land managers for the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest propose to update the invasive plant management program to increase treatment effectiveness. Despite our best efforts for nearly ten years, invasive plants have continued to spread, with a 10-fold increase in invasive plant sites since 2005. Invasive plants adversely affect the diversity and resilience of native plant communities. The Draft EIS considers three alternatives for the treatment of invasive plants throughout the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest for five to fifteen years.

### **When is the public comment period?**

The 45-day comment period is scheduled to commence on October 3rd, 2014 and will remain open until November 17th, 2014.

### **What is the proposed action?**

The Proposed Action provides for a wider variety of herbicides to be used on the Forest, and includes an updated “Early Detection and Rapid Response” process that would allow for a more effective response to invasive plants found in any given year. Invasive plant treatments would include a combination of treatment methods including use of string trimmers and mowers and additional herbicides.

### **What is the anticipated impact of herbicidal usage on people and the environment?**

Risks of using herbicides would be mitigated and their usage would pose minimal risk to people and the environment. The public would be notified about herbicide use on the Forest by a variety of methods including website announcements and postings within treatment areas. The Draft EIS includes a detailed analysis about effects of the proposed treatments on human health, botanical resources, wildlife, soil and water, fisheries, recreation, and cultural resources. More information on aquatic mitigation measures can be found at: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3819162.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3819162.pdf)

### **How can I submit comments on the DEIS?**

Comments on this Draft EIS may be submitted by e-mail, letter, telephone, fax, or office visit. Comments should include a valid e-mail or mailing address. Please address comments to: Jennifer Eberlien, Forest Supervisor, Attention: Forest Invasive Plant Management Project, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 2930 Wetmore Ave., Suite 3A, Everett, WA 98201. Comments may also be faxed to (425) 783-0141 or (360) 436-1309. Electronic comments must be in e-mail message, text, .doc, .rtf, or .pdf format, and may be sent to: [comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie@fs.fed.us).

### **Who can I contact for additional information?**

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