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TAHOE INVASIVE WEEDS TOUR PLANNED

An invasive weeds tour, hosted by the Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group, is set for Friday, July 20, 2007 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Five stations will be located throughout the South Lake Tahoe area with invasive weed samples, plus equipment and tools currently utilized in the Basin to eradicate and control weed infestations. The self-guided tour, which includes brief presentations at each stop, will help local residents, concerned citizens and policymakers better understand the impacts of invasive aquatic and terrestrial weeds, what is being done in to stop their establishment and spread and how to help detect new infestations and species in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Local experts will also discuss weed monitoring plans following the Angora Fire.

“This is a great opportunity to see invasive weeds at the peak of the growing season, when they are particularly easy to identify”, stated Wendy West, University of California Cooperative Extension and tour coordinator. “We encourage the community, agency staff and policymakers to join us to learn why stopping the spread of invasive weeds is so important to the landscape and lake health in the Tahoe region ---- the more eyes we have detecting new invaders and assisting with stopping the spread, the better!

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Participants will learn about efforts to stop the spread of aquatic invasive plants, including Eurasian watermilfoil, plus view hand-removal equipment and barrier materials currently being used in control work. Other tour stations will highlight Scotch broom and how this plant, and other broom species, can contribute to the fire danger; how to distinguish between desirable native and invasive thistles and how revegetation has been utilized to eradicate Tall whitetop. A fifth station will assist tour members in learning to identify spotted knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax and other weeds of concern. Early detection and control of these plants is key in protecting soils, wildlife habitat, water quality and biodiversity in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Talks will start at all five tour stations promptly at 9:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and Noon. Each talk will be repeated at each station five times during the morning, beginning at the appointed times. Presentations will last approximately 20 minutes, allowing time for participants to travel to the next location. Participants may either follow a self-guided tour map, starting at any station and visiting all or a portion of the tour stops, or join other tour participants in a vanpool, which will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Tahoe Resource Conservation District.

Registration for the tour can be completed on-line at <http://ucanr.org/lake-tahoe-weed-tour-form> or by calling the Invasive Weed Hotline at the Tahoe Resource Conservation District (530) 543-1501 ext.113. Registrants will receive a confirmation, including directions to the tour stations.

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