Continental Forest Dialogue
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What is the best opportunity for new invasive species funding?

• Land and Water Conservation Fund Reauthorization?
• National Invasive Species Act Reauthorization?
• Donald Trump?
• Hillary Clinton?
• *No, it is the 2019 Farm Bill!*
What is the Farm Bill?

• Typically enacted for five year period
• Current Farm Bill enacted in 2014, covers 2014-2018
• Authorizes $956 Billion over 10 years
  – $756 Billion for Food Stamps
  – $90 Billion for Crop Insurance
  – $56 Billion for Conservation over 5 years
  – $44 Billion for Commodity Programs
  – $8 Billion for Research and other programs
Structure of the 2014 Farm Bill

- Title I: Commodities
- Title II: Conservation
- Title III: Trade
- Title IV: Nutrition
- Title V: Credit
- Title VI: Rural Development
- Title VII: Research and Extension
- Title VIII: Forestry
- Title IX: Energy
- Title X: Horticulture
- Title XI: Crop Insurance
- Title XII: Miscellaneous
Why is it important?

• Direct spending, not subject to annual appropriations
• Largest single pot of federal conservation spending
• Conservation and related spending exceeds annual conservation budgets of the Department of the Interior and Forest Service combined
Status

• At USDA’s suggestion and CFD’s support, RRISC launch a multi-stakeholder Task Force to prepare for the 2019 Farm Bill
• Goal is to comprehensively incorporate invasive species into the 2019 Farm Bill
• About 30 prospective amendments are in process
• Goal is to have package of amendments ready by February 2017 to influence the next Administration and Congress
• Still time to join the effort!
2019 Farm Bill Task Force

- Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition, Chair
- American Hort
- Center for Invasive Species Prevention
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
- Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Society for Range Management
- Syngenta
- The Nature Conservancy
- Vermont Woodlands Association
- Weed Science Society of America
RRISC is Seeking Member Organizations Now!!

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