



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?
- Obama Administration Climate Change Action Plan?
- Donald Trump?
- Bernie Sanders?
- ***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

Next Steps?

- At USDA's suggestion, RRISC will launch a multi-stakeholder initiative to prepare for the 2019 Farm Bill
- Goal is to comprehensively incorporate invasive species into the 2019 Farm Bill
- Kick-Off meeting in early calendar 2016
- Strategy is to have issue papers and draft bill language ready by February 2017 to influence the next Administration and Congress
- Do you want to participate?

RRISC is Seeking Member Organizations Now!!



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