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Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council

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- **Purpose:** to advise the governor of Montana on a comprehensive program to identify, prevent, eliminate, reduce and mitigate the impacts of invasive species in our state
- Composed of 21 members appointed by the Governor:

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The Nature Conservancy

*Gary Adams*  
USDA APHIS, PPQ

*Jeff Baumberger*  
Bureau of Reclamation

*Steven Bekedam*  
National Park Service

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MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

*Dave Burch*  
MT Dept of Agriculture

*Bryce Christiaens*  
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Salish Kootenai College

*Amy Gannon*  
MT DNRC

*Lindy Garner*  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

*Patricia Gilbert*  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

*Steve Hertel*  
Private Landowner

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NRCS

*Jane Mangold*  
MSU Extension

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MT Dept of Transportation

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*Thompson Smith*  
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*Floyd Thompson*  
Bureau of Land Management

*Steve Tyrrel*  
Private Industry

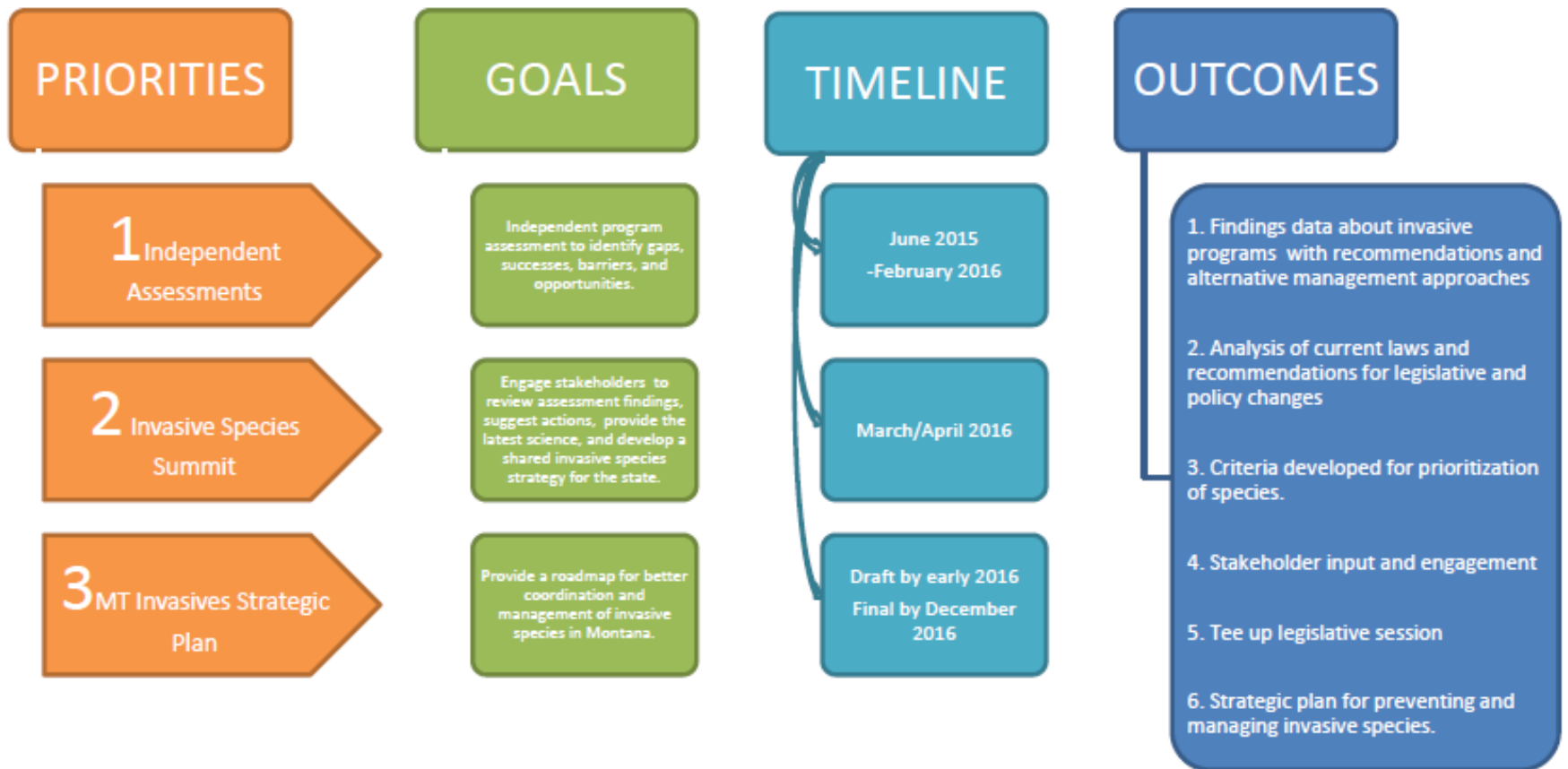
*Steve Wanderaas*  
MT Conservation Districts

*Chip Weber*  
U.S. Forest Service

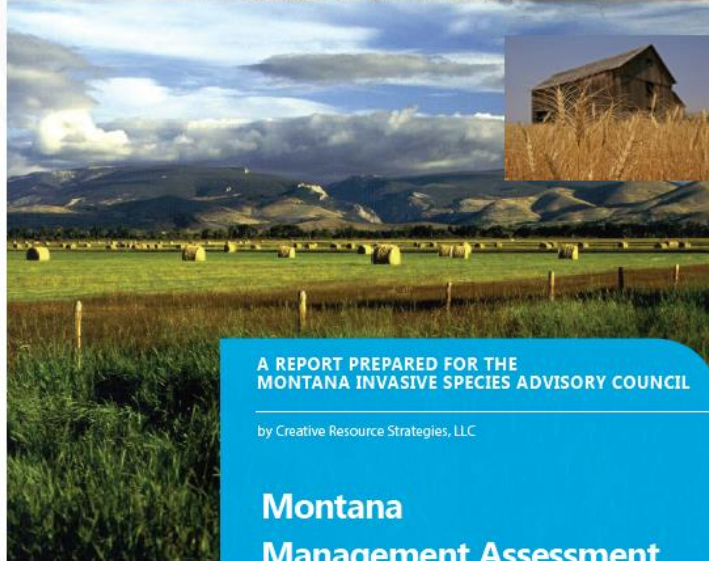
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### MISAC VISION

Our vision is for the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council (MISAC) to foster coordinated efforts in Montana that lead to positive changes in the state coordination, prevention, detection, rapid response, and management of invasive species.







A REPORT PREPARED FOR THE  
MONTANA INVASIVE SPECIES ADVISORY COUNCIL

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# Montana Management Assessment of Invasive Species

March 2016



# Montana

# Invasive Species Summit

Hosted by the Montana Invasive Species Advisory Council  
April 12-13, 2016  
Gateway Center, 1710 National Avenue, Helena, Montana

**Goal:** Convene agency, tribal sovereign nation, private landowner, industry, academic and nonprofit leaders and policy makers, and others: to:

- Share the results of the Montana Invasive Species Council Advisory Committee statewide invasive species assessment;
- Develop a shared understanding of the core elements of a Montana statewide invasive species framework and identify key priority actions;
- Identify key gaps in existing Montana legislation; and
- Describe key next steps.

**Expected Outcome:** Identified key priorities and elements to develop a statewide invasive species framework.

## Agenda

**Tuesday April 12, 2016**

- Registration
- Welcome—Governor
- International Invasive Species Challenges and Opportunities
- National Perspective: Existing and Emerging Invasive Species Issues
- A Historical Perspective on Montana's Invasive Species Efforts
- 2015 Statewide Invasive Species Assessment Results
- Addressing Challenges: Prevention, EDRR, Control, Restoration, Funding, and other key gaps
- MT Wild Reception

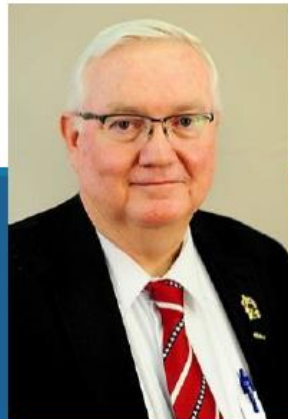
**Wednesday, April 13, 2016**

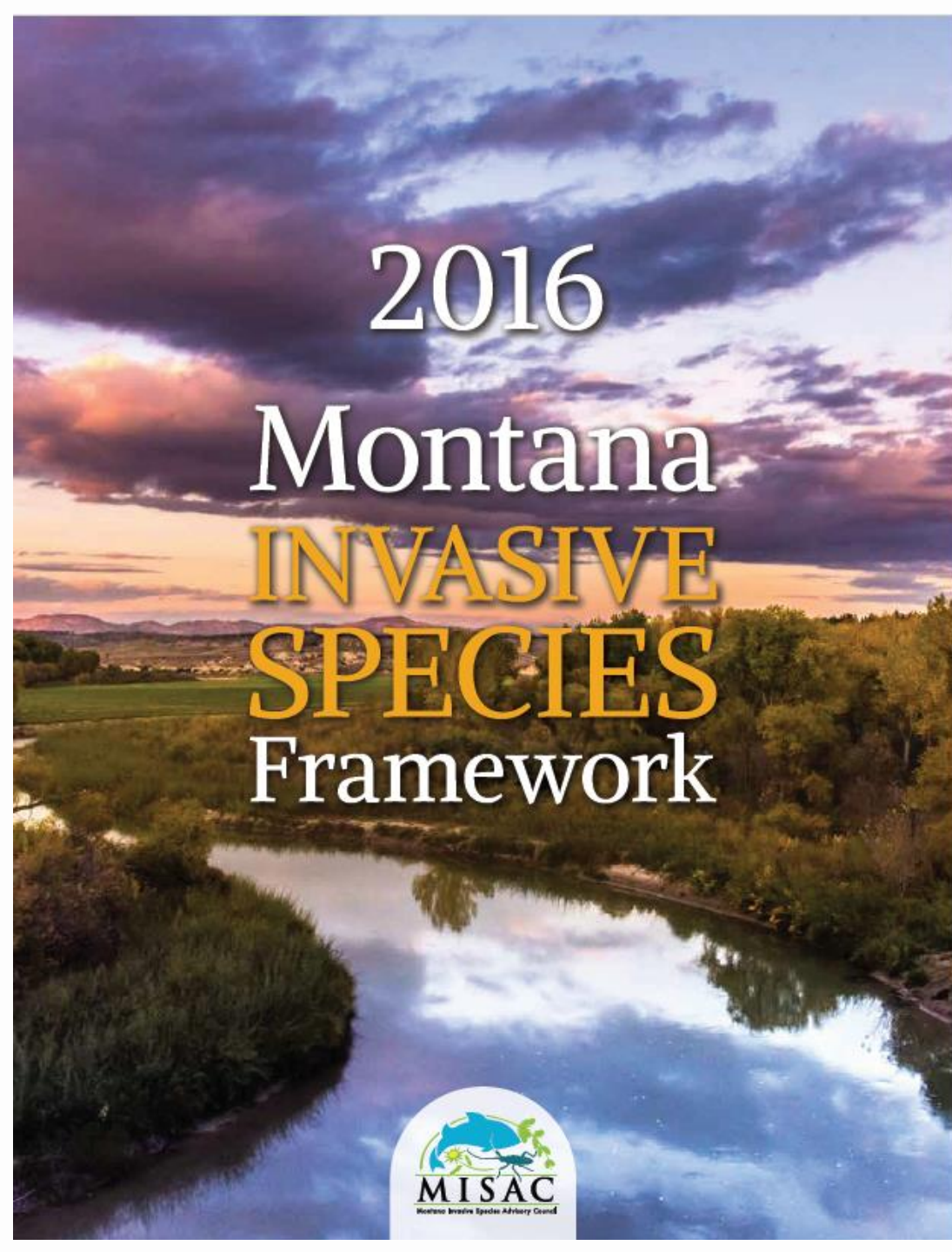
- Addressing Montana's Invasive Species Legislative Gaps - A Panel Discussion with Legislators
- Developing Actions to Address Montana's Invasive Species Challenges and Gaps
- Key Next Steps to Advance Montana's Ability to Prevent New Introductions and the Spread of Existing Infestations of Invasive Species



## **Convene agency, tribal, private landowner, industry, academic and non-profit leaders and policy makers to:**

- ✓ Share the results of the all-taxa assessment
- ✓ Develop a shared understanding of the core elements of a statewide all-taxa strategic framework
- ✓ Identify key priority actions
- ✓ Identify key gaps in existing Montana Legislation





2016  
Montana  
**INVASIVE  
SPECIES**  
Framework

- ✓ Coordination
- ✓ Prevention
- ✓ Early Detection
- ✓ Rapid Response
- ✓ Control



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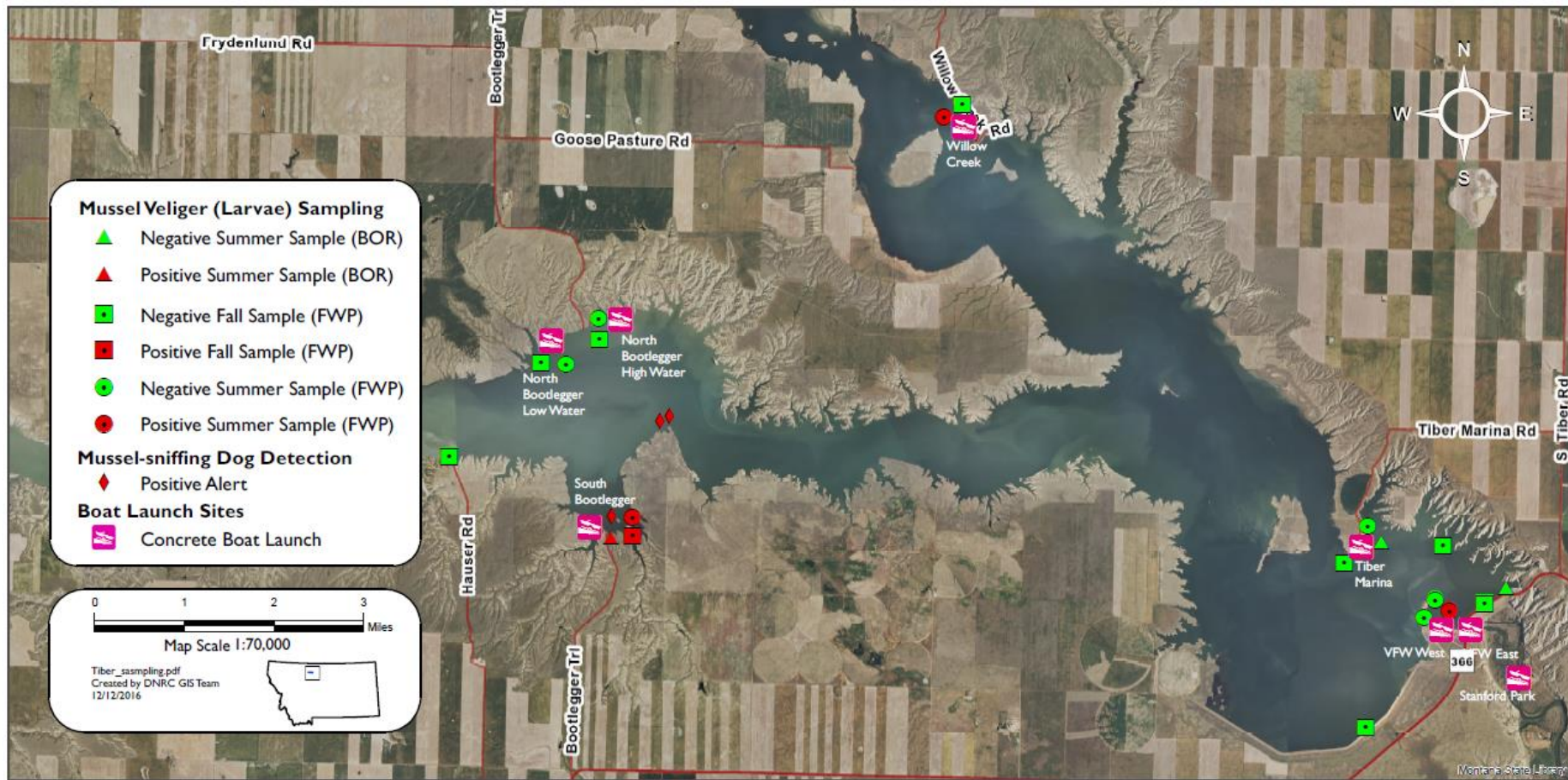




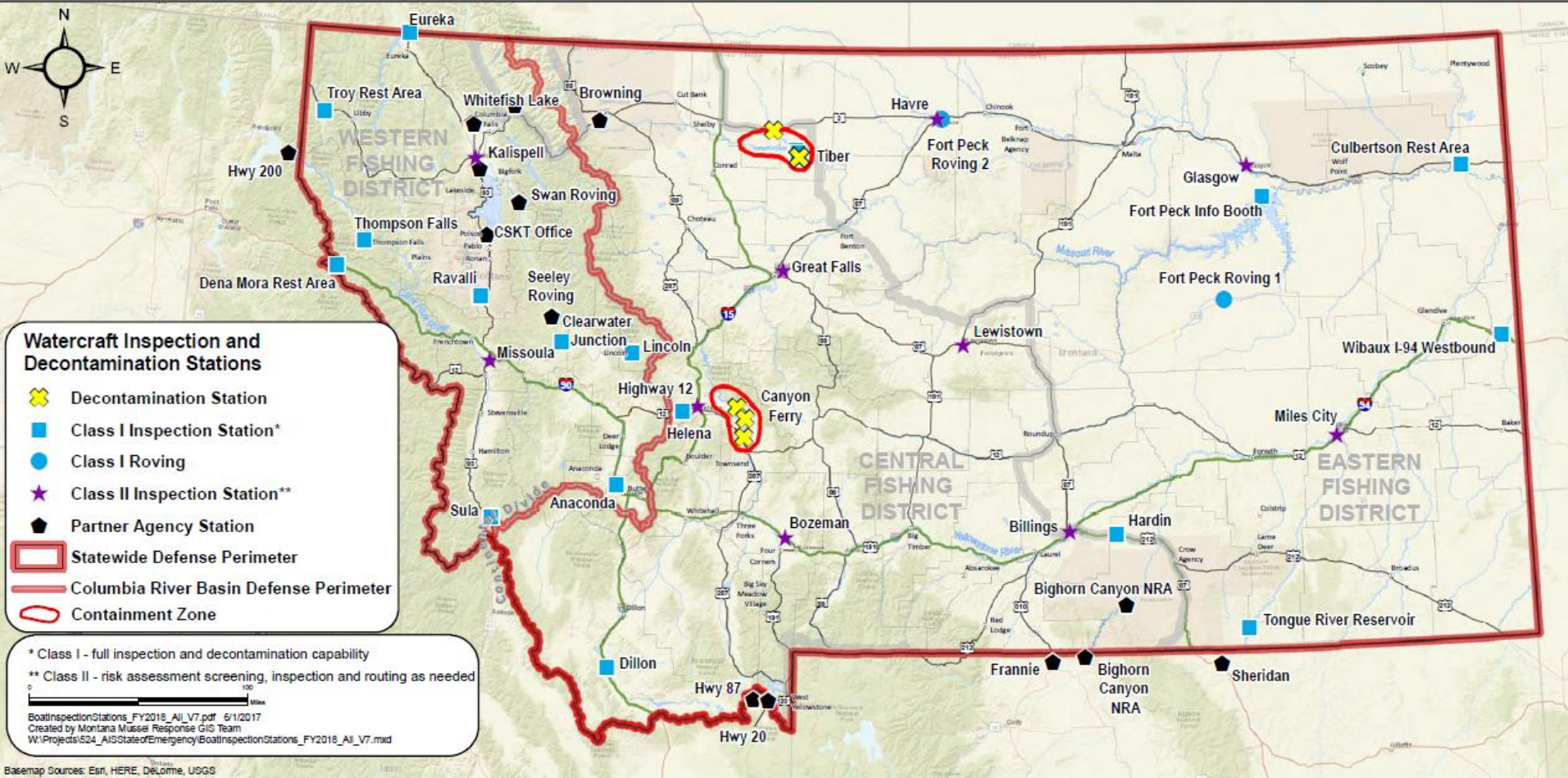
# Invasive Species Mussel Sampling

Tiber Reservoir, MT

Montana Mussel Response Team, December 2016







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