



## News Release

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### **OPPORTUNITY: Free Teacher/Youth Leader Training on Invasive Plants and Biocontrol to be Held from August 5 to 7**

**Elko, Nevada...**Attention all teachers and youth leaders - are you looking for a fun way to get children interested in hands-on and relevant issues in their own backyard? The "Bugs with an Attitude Institute" will be held at the Great Basin College in Elko from August 4 through August 7, 2008. The course is designed for educators interested in teaching youth about native ecosystems and the threat from invasive plants.

Participants will learn:

- How to identify noxious weeds;
- How weeds affect the native plants;
- Why noxious weeds are such a threat; and,
- How to use some insects as biological agents to slow the spread of invasive plants.

Scholarships are available for travel and lodging. One-and-a-half days will be in the classroom and one day will be spent in the field.

To learn more about the class or register, contact Linda Ries at 801-625-5254 or e-mail her at [laries@fs.fed.us](mailto:laries@fs.fed.us), or call Jay Paxson at 775-738-7291. The class flier has a registration form that is located on the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/news/registration.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/htnf/news/registration.pdf).

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