INVASIVE PLANTS OF THE LOWER MIDWEST. Tim Smith, Missouri Department of Conservation.

A brief introduction will consider the scope of the invasive plant problem and the economic impacts of invasion. Most of the presentation will be a species-by- species look at some of the most widespread invasive plants in the lower Midwest with a focus on their origin, method of invasion, habitat preferences and potential for ecosystem damage. Potential problem species in the future will be considered. A Missouri Department of Conservation policy on exotic plants will be provided.

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