

PRESENTATION INFO SUMMARY – Fall Virtual Conference Oct.20, 2022

Name	Megan Evans, M.Sc., P.Biol.
Title	Executive Director
Affiliation	Alberta Invasive Species Council
Biography	Megan has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a Master's degree in Ecology. She is a Professional Biologist and has been working in the field for over ten years. Starting out as a Range Ecologist for a small environmental consulting company, she then spent six years with the Alberta government as an Ecologist and Forest Health Officer in Southern Alberta. She has participated on the board of the Canadian Council on Invasive Species, the Alberta Invasive Species Council, the Entomological Society of Alberta, the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass' Agricultural Service Board and is a co-founder of the Alberta Native Bee Council. She is currently the Executive Director of the Alberta Invasive Species Council.
Presentation Title	<i>AISC's resources to help in your invasive species management programs</i>
Presentation Description	Join us for an overview of AISC resources that will help you with your invasive species management programs. This talk will focus on the Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System apps, AISC's factsheets, photo galleries, new Invasive Plants of Alberta Guide, the certified weed-free forage program and more!

Name	Gayah Sieusahai, P.Ag.
Title	Pest Regulatory Officer
Affiliation	Ag/For and Rural Economic Development
Biography	In 1989 graduated from the U of A with a bachelor's degree in agriculture. From 1989 to 2000 I worked for Viterra in Calgary as the canola technician under the Canola Breeding Program. From 2001-2003 I worked at the University of Alberta farm as the canola technician under the Canola Breeding Program. In 2003 - 2006 worked as the Regional Variety Trial coordinator for cereal, pulse and oilseed crops with Alberta Agriculture. From 2006 to 2010 Worked as the Crop Program Manager for the Alberta Research and Extension Council In 2010 took on the role as the Pest Regulatory Officer with Alberta Agriculture Forestry and Rural Economic Development. The <i>Weed Control Act</i> and <i>Agricultural Pests Act</i> are part of my responsibilities.
Presentation Title	<i>StopDED – Status of Dutch Elm Diseases in Alberta</i>
Presentation Description	Under the Alberta Agricultural Pests Act (APA) “Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation (PNCR)” the DED pathogens and the EBBs are named declared pests.
	Learn what you can do help preserve and protect Alberta's Elm trees from Dutch Elm Disease and related pests.

Name	Randall (Randy) Miller
Title	Director, Research and Development
Affiliation	CN Utility Consulting
Biography	<p>Randall H. Miller is CNUC director of research and development, having joined the company in May 2017. He performs formal utility vegetation management industry surveys studies among other responsibilities for CNUC. Prior to joining CNUC, he worked in PacifiCorp's vegetation management department for more than 23 years, including 18 running the program, retiring as the director of vegetation management.</p> <p>Miller holds a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's in urban forestry from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and an ISA Certified Utility Specialist (IL-0225 BU). He is a widely published author, with roughly 80 publications, most notably the Integrated Vegetation Management Best Management Practices and as coauthor of <i>Utility Arboriculture: The Utility Specialist Certification Study Guide</i>. He is a past Chair of the TREE Fund Board of Trustees, past President of the Utility Arborist Association and served twice as the Chair of the Edison Electric Institute Vegetation Management Task Force.</p>
Presentation Title	<i>Electrical Safety for Utility Vegetation Managers</i>
Presentation Description	This presentation will cover the basic concepts of electrical energy and the safety principles to be followed when working around transmission and distribution lines. Randy will explain why and how utility companies clear trees from powerlines and the review the common mechanical and chemical control options available.

Name	Devon Smiegielski
Title	Pesticide Certification Specialist
Affiliation	Alberta Environment and Parks
Biography	
Presentation Title	<i>A Closer Look at the Industrial Vegetation Manual</i>
Presentation Description	This session will cover Alberta's Pesticide Certification and Recertification program, manual development, and highlight changes made to the upcoming Industrial Vegetation Manual.

