Greetings,

EcoAdapt, the Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (NW CASC), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are partnering to create a network and community of practice in the Pacific Northwest to help resource managers address the interrelation of climate change and invasive species. We are inviting regional experts to provide input and guidance as members of our Advisory Team for the Pacific Northwest Regional Invasive Species and Climate Change Network (PNW RISCC Network). We would be honored if you would consider serving as a member based on your experience and expertise.

*Project background*
Invasive species and climate change represent two major global change threats to ecosystems. This work will pilot a regional collaboration focused on the nexus of climate change and invasive species. It will evaluate opportunities to replicate successful aspects of the Northeast RISCC Network, exploring management needs and research opportunities unique to the Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and western Montana. The objective is to help natural resource managers and biologists within federal, tribal, state, and local agencies and conservation organizations integrate climate change science and adaptation with invasive species prevention, early detection, control, monitoring, and research activities.

Planned network activities include:

- Identifying shared priorities between climate change and invasive species practitioners;
- Conducting a workshop(s) to review the state of the science on the nexus between climate change and invasive species and associated affected habitats in the Pacific Northwest, share observations and lessons learned, and prioritize key research and management needs; and
- Creating an online hub for the network, including workshop information and results and key publications and other resources available to practitioners.

*Advisory Team*
We are convening an Advisory Team to guide this effort in terms of envisioning what such a regional network could be and accomplish. Members will help define needs and priorities, review materials (e.g., workshop agendas and summaries, draft fact sheets), participate in conference calls, attend workshops, and support other tasks as needed. We want to make the most efficient use of your valuable time as possible, and anticipate needing no more than 1–2 hours of your time each month in your capacity as an advisor and network participant over the next 12 months. We anticipate holding an initial teleconference meeting in the next few weeks to discuss the overall project idea and process.

We are happy to answer questions and supply more details about the project as you make your decision. If you are not available, or think we should consider another person in your place, please let us know. We would appreciate your response by **Friday, June 5th** to Rachel@EcoAdapt.org.

Sincerely,

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