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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release, Invasive Species Management Policy (524 DM 1), is a new chapter that provides a comprehensive Departmental policy for managing invasive species on lands, waters, and facilities under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior (DOI). The development of an invasive species policy is included among the action items in DOI's Invasive Species Action Plan. The new chapter, 524 DM 1, replaces 609 DM 1, *Weed Control Program*.

The policy directs bureaus/offices to prevent the introduction, establishment, and spread of invasive species, as well as eradicate and control populations of invasive species that are established. It applies to all bureaus/offices and all plants, animals, pathogens, and other organisms in terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

It includes principles and objectives for invasive species management. The objectives are aligned with Federal duties outlined in E.O. 13112, amended by E.O. 13751, which calls upon agencies whose action may affect the status of invasive species to manage invasive species (*e.g.*, prevent, detect, eradicate, control, research) to the extent practicable and permitted by law; subject to the availability of appropriations, and within Administration budgetary limits, relevant programs, and authorities.

The chapter also includes a description of the DOI Invasive Species Task Force and sets forth its responsibilities.

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609 DM 1 (3 sheets)

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