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LeRoy has over 20 years' experience in invasive species management and research. Current areas of focus include landscape scale monitoring and assessment of invasive plants, applying integrated pest management principles to natural area invasive plant control, herbicide efficacy field trials, and several ecosystem restoration projects involving invasive species impact mitigation. LeRoy received a M.S in Biology from Old Dominion University and a B.S. in Botany from the University of Florida.