**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**Wildland Fire and Invasive Species – Strategic Opportunities**

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**Moderator:** Hilary Smith, DOI Office of Policy Analysis

**Panelists:**

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* National Invasive Species Council, Stas Burgiel
* Office of Wildland Fire (DOI), Kristy Swartz
* Bureau of Land Management, Michele Crist
* U.S. Forest Service, Rob Progar

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The magnitude of the 2020 fire year heightened awareness of the Nation’s wildfire crisis. In many areas, the spread of invasive plants has contributed to an increase in the size, frequency, and severity of wildfires. Addressing the intertwined dynamics of wildland fire and invasive species requires understanding the underlying science and ecology, as well as the relevant institutions and effective management strategies. This includes the ability to work at different stages of the fire and invasive species management cycles: proactive pre-fire planning and fuels treatment, wildfire response, and post-fire stabilization and restoration. It also requires addressing cross-cutting and foundational issues such as data and information management, research and development, training, and funding mechanisms. This approach can provide a lens for better integrating coordination mechanisms and setting joint strategic priorities between the invasive species and fire management communities at national, regional, and local scales. The panel will discuss how to better integrate these efforts at different scales and through the collaborative initiatives.

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