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Outline for Discussion regarding the development of an
Oklahoma Invasive Plant Management Plan

Background

The current draft was stitched together from other state management plans and revised to make appropriate for Oklahoma. After reviewing the most recent draft of the management plan, I feel that the current written plan is not a meaningful document for proposing a plan to manage invasive species in our state. What we have now sounds like many other strategic plans for similar issues written by a diverse group of people in a committee – not a lot of substance to actually tackle the problem.

One of the initial motivations to developing a statewide management plan was the potential that federal funding would require a plan that was adopted or approved by the appropriate state agencies. It is not clear to me that this is now an important motivator – given future federal funding expectations.

Discussion Questions

What is the purpose of the plan?

Should we be spending our limited time on developing this document?

Would it be better to focus on writing the meaningful components of the plan that could eventually be compiled into a larger document? Such as a series of white papers, covering topics like these:

- Recommendations to the energy industry
- Recommendations to state parks
- Recommendations for useful new regulations on plant sales

What should the plan include? (please look at the attached Tables of Contents from a few other plans)

Is there anything unique to Oklahoma that is not covered in these other states' plans?

What would you suggest our plan's Table of Contents should look like?

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