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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Office of National Tribal Liaison (ONTL) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) greatly values its partnerships with Tribal Nations and communities. We regret that due to pandemic-related travel restrictions, we have been unable to meet with you in person and provide APHIS program updates as we have in the past. To keep you abreast of some major APHIS activities, we have hosted several Tribal webinars over the last several months. These webinars are designed to give you a better insight into how APHIS is helping to protect U.S. and Tribal agricultural and natural resources—and citizens—from animal and plant disease and pest threats.

We would like to invite you and members of your staff to attend our Tribal Webinar: “Biological Control of Invasive Species: Guide to the Research and Regulatory Process”, on April 07, 2022, at 1:00 pm EDT.

Classical Biological Control is a pest management tactic where we evaluate, import, and release natural enemies of invasive species to reduce their populations, thereby reducing the impact caused by the pest. During the upcoming Tribal webinar, USDA APHIS will explain the process and steps from the moment an invasive species is identified as a target for biological control to the regulatory decisions to approve or deny the release of biological control agents into the environment of the U.S. This webinar will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the complex, multi-jurisdictional, scientific regulatory process that is undertaken to evaluate natural enemies of invasive pests for release of into the United States for the purpose of biological control. The webinar will also cover the basic ecological principles behind biological control, the research process to find and evaluate natural enemies of invasive species, and the regulatory process to determine safety of exotic agents for introduction into the United States. We will also have a question-and-answer session.

We appreciate your ongoing partnership in safeguarding our agriculture, and hope you will join us for this event. If you have questions about the webinar, please contact ONTL Program Analyst Denise Salvetti at denise.salvetti@usda.gov. Also you can reach out to the Biological Control Specialist with the Pest, Pathogen, and Biological Control Permitting Unit, Bob Pfannenstiel, at bob.pfannenstiel@usda.gov.

Details on our webinar are below:

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Biocontrol Overview
April 07, 2022, 1pm EDT

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