WHAT CAMPERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INVASIVES

- Invasive species are nonnative plants, animals, and diseases that can cause harm to the economy, environment, and human health.
- Invasive plants tend to reproduce and grow quickly making trails impassable.
- They harm wildlife and replace wildflowers.
- Invasive insects and diseases can kill trees.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH CAMPERS?

- Invasive plant seeds, insects, and diseases can be moved on equipment, such as mud on tires or seeds with burs on clothes and shoes.
- Concerns about spreading invasive species may endanger access to lands and campgrounds in the future.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Learn to recognize invasive species.
- Wear clothing and footwear that do not attract seeds.
- Clean yourself and your equipment before and after use.
- Clean your animals and their equipment before and after use.
- Properly dispose of soil, seeds, or plant parts from cleaning.
- Minimize soil disturbance; stay on designated trails.
- Avoid areas that are infested with invasive species; “When in doubt, stay out!”
- Do not transport firewood that originates more than 25 miles away from the campground or from outside of Wisconsin.
- Follow guidelines for bringing domestic animals into forested recreation areas.
- Educate others how to limit the spread of invasive species.
- Volunteer to help control invasive species.

For more information on this and other recreational user groups (Anglers, Animal-Based, Bicyclists, Hikers, Hunters), visit the Recreation Best Management Practices at: http://council.wisconsinforest.org/invasives/