

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

You could be transporting aquatic invasive species.

Invasive species can hitchhike a ride to other waters on your equipment — ruining your favorite lakes, rivers and streams in the Greater Yellowstone Area. This affects everyone! Once established, these species cause irreparable harm: introducing disease, out-competing native species, altering food chains, changing the physical characteristics of bodies of water, damaging equipment, devastating water-delivery systems, and negatively impacting local and national economies. They may be nearly impossible to eradicate without damaging the ecosystem.

The Greater Yellowstone Area drains into the Columbia, Mississippi, and Great Basin. Invasions into these waters have the potential to affect most of the country. We need to be careful not to spread invasive species currently found in the Greater Yellowstone Area and to protect it from new invasions.

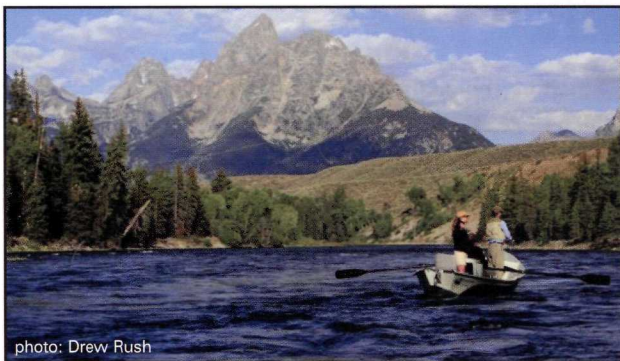


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- www.ProtectYourWaters.net
- www.cleaninspectdry.com
- www.cleanangling.org
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ATTENTION WATER USERS

STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES
YOUR FAVORITE LAKES AND STREAMS ARE THREATENED
IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE AREA



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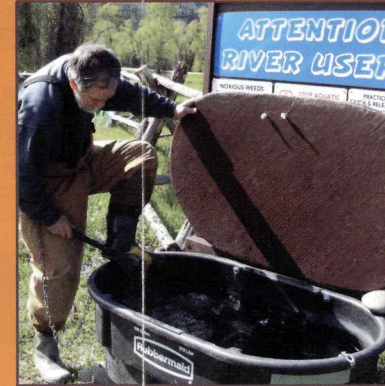
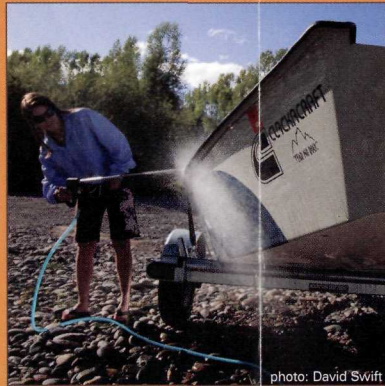
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WHAT ARE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES?

Aquatic invasive species are non-native organisms that threaten rivers, lakes and streams everywhere.

Protecting the Greater Yellowstone Area from invasives:

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



CLEAN

Clean all equipment that has come into contact with the water. Remove all water from boats and drain bilges, live wells and ballast tanks. Remove all mud, debris and plant matter from waders, wading shoes, reels, boats, trailers, paddles, water skis and even dogs before leaving any body of water. Scrub equipment surfaces to remove any unseen organisms. If you cannot clean your equipment on site, clean it at home away from other waters. For additional information on cleaning methods visit: www.cleaninspectdry.com.

INSPECT

Carefully inspect your equipment to be sure all mud, debris, plants and other organisms are gone. Rewash equipment if necessary.

DRY

As an added precaution, completely dry gear and boats. Effective dry times will vary with temperature and humidity. Many invasive species can live out of the water for long periods of time, so don't rely on drying alone.