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TV Program to Examine Invasive Species Epidemic

A 30-minute documentary, *Silent Invaders: Plants out of Place II*, will air Saturday, March 1 at 3:30 p.m. (EST) on CNBC. The program features interviews with a variety of respected plant experts, landowners, and federal agencies working together to manage, control and prevent the spread of invasive plants (both terrestrial and aquatic) through successful and effective biological, mechanical and chemical initiatives.

Invasive plants already infest an estimated 100 million acres, aggressively displacing native species by eight to twenty percent each year. This quiet invasion of ecological enemies is costing landowners and the government billions of dollars in lost revenues and control costs. The program aims to help raise public awareness of the ecological and economical impact of invasive plants on our country and to reflect the need for ongoing scientific research and cooperation between agencies and related industries.

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