



To whom my concern,

Invasive Species control in the wild land fire service is needed to limit the infestation of Montana’s lakes and waterways. With a good plan, this can be accomplished.

Having the protocols from the PMS-444 and the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group’s AIS Decontamination/Prevention Methods dated 7/25/17 is a good step, however, leaves the line of defense with the individual engine captains that have not received the proper procedures and training as of yet. Northwest Fire Services (NWFS) can supplement this with a Zebra Mussel targeted rinse and flush that will kill all veligers within 10 minutes and kill the adults within 24 – 48 hours.

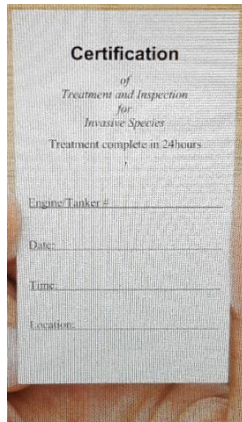
The background for killing the Zebra Mussels with a potable water friendly (drinking water) chemical has been proven with EarthTec products and has the independent studies to prove it.

NWFS will go to any location to treat fire engines and tankers. We would hook up their suction lines and one of their hose lines and circulate the treated water from our tank to their tank. With this process, this will treat suction line, pump, tank and valves. This process should be done for 10 minutes while cycling the valves. As for their Y-valves and fittings we will have a small open tank to rinse out and blow off all fittings



The treatment solution is nontoxic and can be used for dust abatement on roads when finished.

We will provide a Certification Card that will be assigned to that engine crew and will provide location, date and time of treatment. Here is an example of what a Certification Card would look like:



Northwest Fire Services can provide a line of defense for the Zebra Mussel, Asian Clams and other Invasive Species

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