



***Working Towards Managing Invasive Species in Yukon Workshop  
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# **PlayCleanGo**



# Traditional Territories

Ta'an Kwäch'än and Kwanlin Dün



# Outline

- Stop invasive species in your tracks
- Don't pick up strangers

**GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES THE BOOT.**



Help Prevent The  
Spread Of Invasive  
Plants and Animals.



**STOP INVASIVE SPECIES  
IN YOUR TRACKS**

[PlayCleanGo.org](http://PlayCleanGo.org)

# What is PlayCleanGo all about?



# PlayCleanGo

- Education outreach campaign for outdoor recreationists
- Encourages outdoor recreation while protecting our natural resources



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# Objective

- To slow or stop the spread of terrestrial invasive species (those that occur on land) through changes in our behavior
- PlayCleanGo is designed to foster actions that interrupt recreational pathways of spread for invasive species



# Education

PlayCleanGo promotes awareness, understanding, and cooperation by providing a clear call to action to:

- Be informed
- Attentive
- Accountable for stopping the spread of terrestrial invasive species





# Partners



YISC is a PlayCleanGo partner, a program launched with a group of interagency partners in Minnesota, including:

- The University of Minnesota Extension
- The Minnesota departments of Agriculture and Transportation, and Explore Minnesota
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Yukon Invasive Species Council
- Invasive Species Organization in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alaska, to name a few!



# Get Involved

- Take action and get involved!
- There are many things you can do to help prevent the spread of invasive species!



# Campers

## Come Clean!

- Before heading out, take time to inspect and remove dirt, plants, and bugs from boots, gear, pets and vehicles



# Campers

## Buy it Where you Burn it

- Use only local wood
- Before heading back home, take time to inspect and remove dirt, plants, and bugs from boots, gear, pets and vehicles



# Trail Users

Whether walking, hiking, running, biking or riding your horse or off-road vehicle:

- Make sure you don't accidentally move invasive species from place to place



Photo: Yukon News

# Bikers

GIVE INVASIVE SPECIES  
THE BRUSH OFF.



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And Animals.



- Stay on the designated trail
- Before leaving your site:
- inspect your belongings
  - remove any dirt, plants, or bugs

# Off-Road Vehicles

- Before leaving home, inspect and remove dirt, plants, and bugs from gear and vehicles
- stay on the designated trail



- Before returning home, inspect and remove dirt, plants, and bugs from gear and vehicles

# Horseback Riders

A photograph showing three horseback riders on horses wading through a body of water. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a warm, golden light. In the background, there are snow-capped mountains and a line of trees. The riders are silhouetted against the bright sky. The water is calm, and the horses are moving from left to right, creating small splashes.

## Use weed-free or certified hay

- Use weed-free hay when horseback riding or using hay for other purposes
- Weed seeds in infested hay can be blown offsite as you move down the road or left behind in manure

# Go Clean, Leave Clean!

For more information on  
PlayCleanGo and  
invasive species please  
visit:

**PlayCleanGo.org**  
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# It is for Bikers



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# It is for ORV Users

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IN YOUR TRACKS.**

A person wearing a pink shirt and a helmet is riding a black four-wheeled ORV (ATV) on a dirt path. The path is surrounded by dense green trees and foliage, creating a blurred background. The scene is captured from a side profile, showing the rider's position on the vehicle. The overall image has a green background with black bars at the top and bottom.

# STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS.

Clean Your Gear Before Entering  
And Before Leaving The Recreation Site.



Help Prevent  
The Spread Of  
Invasive Plants  
And Animals.

- **REMOVE** plants, animals & mud from boots, gear, pets & vehicle.
- **CLEAN** your gear before entering & leaving the recreation site.
- **STAY** on designated roads & trails.
- **USE CERTIFIED** or local firewood & hay.



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