

Meghan Brown was born in northern Ontario, Canada in a community of small farms and dairies. She grew up on a family farm that produced maple syrup and leased land for grazing cattle and hay. She attended high school in rural Missouri, surrounded by larger-scale farms growing corn and soybeans, transitioning to Pittsburg, and then graduating high school in Utah. Her senior year, working with a local rancher, sparked Meghan's passion for a career spanning agriculture and natural resource management. She went on to attend university in Nova Scotia, and then to graduate from Utah State University with a BS degree in Environmental Science with a minor in Range Management and Rural Development.

Meghan moved to Elko, Nevada after graduating university to work for the Nevada Cattlemen's Association as their Executive Director. She enjoyed advocating for the ranching community and learning about how policy impacts land management in Nevada as a public-land state. Through participation in the Association, as well as other broader coalitions, she developed a strong understanding of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal and state natural resource policy, and western agricultural issues – as well as her expertise evaluating federal policy and practices related to their value to western ecological systems. Meghan then worked for Congressman Mark Amodei as his Rural Representative, with a focus on federal land issues and oversight of regulation that affected the rural fabric of the west.

Meghan joined the Nevada Department of Agriculture in 2016 and is currently serving as the Administrator for the Division of Plant Health and Compliance. She serves the agricultural community in Nevada through engagement on issues ranging from invasive species, native seed development, and establishment of the regional Early Detection and Rapid Response Network.

Meghan very much looks forward to engagement with her class and the others in invasive species community to support the efforts of ISAC to make impacts on ecosystem health, both regionally and nationally.