

Slade Franklin has been employed by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture since 1999. Currently, he is serving as the Technical Services Divisional Manager. His current position is responsible for the agency's weed and pest, nursery stock, fertilizer, predator management, pesticide enforcement, weights and measures, in addition to various other regulatory programs. From 2004 to 2022 he served as the State Weed and Pest Coordinator. His primary role was helping county weed and pest control districts with implementing effective management programs for invasive weeds and pests. He also managed several state and federal grant programs including the Emergency Insect Management grant, Special Management Program grant, the USFS State and Private Forestry - Noxious weed grant and the state pesticide registration grants. He helped the state develop an Agricultural Terrorism response plan and served on Wyoming Governor Freudenthal's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act working team. Slade coordinated the activities of the Wyoming Annual Grasses Taskforce and the Wyoming Inter-Agency Weed and Pest working group and the Wyoming Weed and Pest Council. He has served as chairman for the Western Weed Coordinating Committee, the State Weed Coordinators Alliance and is a former member of the National Invasive Species Council's - Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). In 2019 he helped draft and publish the Western Weed Action Plan related to protecting the sagebrush biome from invasive species and Governor Gordon's 2020 Wyoming Invasive Species Initiative Report. Currently he is serving as the Wyoming representative for the Western Governors Association - Western Invasive Species Council.