Forest Service offers guide to invasive plants

The U.S. Forest Service is distributing free copies of its new 120-page book, "A Management Guide for Invasive Plants in Southern Forests."

The guide offers advice for combating 56 of the most troublesome invasive species in the South, including kudzu and Japanese honeysuckle. It describes how invasive plants spread and what you can do to address the problem.

With 392 color photos, the book gives details on herbicides, application methods, biological controls, tools and mechanical treatments, grazing techniques and more.

This book, written by Jim Miller, is a companion to "A Field Guide for the Identification of Invasive Plants in Southern Forests," which was published last year.

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