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When visiting your favorite lake this summer, please be on the lookout for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). EWM is an invasive plant that roots itself to the bottom of water bodies and can grow in water up to 25 feet deep. It forms dense mats at the water surface shading out native plants, clogging motors and making swimming nearly impossible. Montana first discovered this plant in Noxon Reservoir in 2007.

EWM has the ability to spread rapidly because it reproduces through stem fragmentation. Pieces the size of postage stamps that have broken off the main stem can reproduce. EWM is most commonly spread overland by boats that have not been cleaned between



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being in an infested water body and a non-infested water body. Do your part to help prevent the spread of Eurasian watermilfoil by "Inspecting, Cleaning and Drying" your boat

and equipment. If you suspect Eurasian watermilfoil, immediately contact Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Region 1 at 752-5501. Information courtesy of Whitefish Lake Institute.