

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Action Team Work Goals 2015**

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2015 Purpose:

Encourage expanded mapping of invasive species throughout the WRISC Area. Facilitate entry of mapping data into a central database (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network, www.misin.msu.edu). Provide resources to WRISC partners to encourage better treatment tracking and pre and post monitoring of key infestations or control efforts.

Regular Meetings:

Meets on odd numbered months via conference call. Meeting times are scheduled by the WRISC Coordinator using doodle poll results.

2015 Goals:

1. Continue to collect invasive location data from WRISC partners. Seek existing data not in spreadsheet/MISIN and encourage prompt reporting of new data.
2. Conduct 2015 mapping training.
3. Dedicate time and effort to quality management of WRISC's internal data. Improve training of staff and explore more ways to use location data.
4. Continue invasive treatment tracking to ensure effective monitoring.

September 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes 9:00-9:45am

In attendance: Emily, Darcy, John, Ann

1. **2015 Road survey update:** *Emily gave update on 2015 survey work which focused on driving road surveys of flowering invasives, specifically Leafy Spurge, Wild Parsnip, and select locations of Purple Loosestrife. Plans for 2016 include additional Wild Parsnip surveys and European Marsh Thistle.*
2. **Discuss current invasive survey/mapping tools**
 - a. **GPS, MISIN, qGIS:** *Discussed the tools currently being used to collect data; garmin gps units, DNR GPS software, Basecamp software, and qGIS software. Discussed mapping protocols including the use of garmin's calculate area feature for tracks.*
 - b. **Potential new tool: IPC Connect:** *Emily relayed information from a recent webinar on the IPC Connect tool which can be used through a license with UW Extension for an annual fee. Emily is exploring the potential use of the tool for treatment tracking.*

