

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Action Teams 2015**

Terrestrial Invasive Species Action Team:

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2015 Purpose:

The Terrestrial Action Team addresses both management and outreach regarding the detection and control of non-native terrestrial and wetland invasive species. Address existing and newly-detected species: prioritizing species for management, educating regarding specific species or control methods, and utilizing an integrated approach to manage current invasive species populations. The committee provides guidance for land managers, land owners, sportsmen, and recreationists, and implements control measures as time and funding allows.

2015 Regular Meetings:

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

2014 Goals:

1. Focus outreach, prevention, and management efforts on Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), Japanese Knotweed (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), and other high priority species throughout the work area, including early detection and rapid response species.
2. Continue and encourage invasive species education and outreach to area road crews. Support road crews with educational materials, training, and assistance when able.
3. Include area citizens in terrestrial invasive control through volunteer workdays. Strive for a minimum of one workday per county in 2015.

January 8, 2015 Meeting Agenda (9:00 – 9:40am)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Greg Cleereman, Nicole Shutt, John Preuss, Margie Yadro

1. Discuss 2014 progress

Emily expressed the positive work done on garlic mustard and Japanese knotweed in 2014, and the use of the knotweed/garlic mustard landowner notification letters created by the action team. She did feel that WRISC fell a bit short in number and distribution of volunteer workdays

in 2014 (due to a number of circumstances). Team discussed what qualifies as a workday and how many we should strive for. Margie brought up the increase in mapping in 2014, and possible future uses of mapping and treatment data.

2. Update/reaffirm action team's worksheet for 2015

a. Purpose statement

Remains the same.

b. Regular Meetings

Those present agreed that while regular meeting times may encourage more outside participation, the doodle poll method would work best for current team members.

c. Goals

The current goal was adjusted to avoid implying that other early detection/rapid response species are not priorities. Since the team has already started work with education/outreach to road crews this was added as a goal as well. Emily also suggested including a volunteer workday goal. Margie suggested adding a goal working to create invasive data uniformity across groups in the region, but Emily suggested that goal would better suit the Monitoring action team.

3. 2015 team chairperson/leader

Greg and Margie both stated that they were unable to take on more work. Emily commented that Aaron should have attended meeting. Greg nominated Aaron should be the team chairperson, none opposed.

4. Road crew outreach update

Emily passed on positive feedback concerning the road crew outreach packet posted online, and those who had signed up to contact area road crews. Margie said she had good feedback from her committee and will be bringing the information to the upcoming Towns Association Meeting. She did note that more information on mowing of European Marsh Thistle would be useful, and that we should also look to see if counties other than Florence have done roadway mapping.

5. Other

Emily added the Priority Species List to the agenda. It is in sore need of an update, and the last update is unknown. Emily will email the list, along with the rapid response prioritization tool which uses it, to the action team for review.

6. Agenda items for February BOD meeting

Road crew outreach update

Hand out team minutes

Mention team's project to update species list