

**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.

2015 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.

March 12, 2015 Meeting Agenda (9:00am): Participating – Emily Anderson, Greg Cleereman, Aaron McCullough, Nicole Schutt, John Preuss, and Margie Yadro (March secretary)

1. **Final edits/comments on team Goals:** the consensus was to accept the goals as drafted with one change in the heading to read “2015.”
2. **Team Chair position:** all agreed to rotate secretarial duties. Chair position remains open.
3. **Priority Species List revision:** after reviewing Anderson’s draft, suggestions were made to add or remove species, consider their management status and tier ranking, and possibly include the varying degrees of species populations and management classifications across the region/states.

The Team agreed to review the species list once a year. Anderson suggested a website link to MISIN for access to mapping information. Yadro suggested a "Top 10" concept to share with the public while this more extensive list be made available for WRISC members and related management/projects. The group agreed there was no need to create separate aquatic and terrestrial lists. Anderson will add revisions to list and the "top 10" species will be chosen once the final draft is complete.

4. **Strategic Management Plan:** Anderson provided this opportunity for Action Teams to provide input (Terrestrial Team focus on Goals 2, 3, and 4): All were encouraged to submit feedback to Anderson by e-mail no later than the end of March.
5. **Scheduling 2015 volunteer workdays:** Anderson would like to begin scheduling dates and locations and asked for workday sites in each of the WRISC counties. Suggestions included a Forest County Garlic Mustard pull in Crandon; woody invasive treatments at Fumee Lake Natural Area in Dickinson County and honeysuckle control at the Florence County Community Garden site, with a possible wild parsnip demonstration. Anderson will continue to pursue possible locations in Menominee and Marinette counties. Cleereman asked for criteria for workdays. Trail tour options and landowner surveys were also discussed. Anderson had submitted a recent press release for preparing invasive species management plans for landowners in Florence County and has received several responses. She also explained related grants requirements for specific land ownership.
6. **Other Business:** a UP knotweed brochure is being developed; the need to create a thistle ID brochure; develop a road crew listserv for roadside plant management; continue ATV club outreach and presentations to help monitor trails, offers to help with volunteer efforts; pursue contact with County Highway Commissioners.
7. **Agenda items for April BOD meeting:** Priority Species List update, WRISC Invasive Species Strategic Management Plan revisions, and development of a roadside management contact strategy.

With all business completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.