

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, landowners, 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.

May 7, 2015 Meeting Minutes (3:00-3:30pm)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Nicole Shutt, Greg Cleereman (Aaron McCullough not able to join due to last minute conflict)

1. Choose person to record minutes

Emily

2. Priority species list: any final changes, choose top species

Anderson explained that final draft document still needed updating from recent Wisconsin NR40 changes that went into effect May 1st. Team did not see anything else that needed changing.

Anderson began discussion of top priority species with those she thought everyone would agree

with (Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Phragmites) followed by other likely species (Leafy Spurge, E. Marsh Thistle, Wild Parsnip, Zebra Mussels, Spiny Waterflea) and more early detection species which she wasn't sure about (Teasel, Yellow Floating Heart). Team members agreed with all likely species, and discussed putting early detection species on the list, including Emerald Ash Borer and Crazy Worms (suggested by Nicole). Purple Loosestrife (Nicole) and Japanese Barberry were also suggested (Greg). A list will be sent out for review by the entire team.

3. 2015 Control and Mapping priorities

a. Nominate areas to survey in Menominee River Watershed

b. Nominate areas for rapid response control work

Anderson requested nominations for invasive surveys and control work. Nicole had previously discussed control of thistle at the Catwillow Monarch area. Greg will check with Marinette county parks to see if they have any locations for mapping or control.

4. European Marsh Thistle project update

Anderson updated the group on positive feedback regarding the project and those expected to help with it. She also explained that the marsh thistle/parsnip update in dropbox was written at the request of Margie Yadro and was available for others to use as needed.

5. Other

6. BOD agenda item(s)

Priority Species List/Top Species