

**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.

July 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes (3:00-3:22pm)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, Ann Hruska, Aaron McCullough

1. **Target Species List:** *Anderson updated the team on suggestions made during the July AIS Action Team Meeting. The team agreed with calling the list the "Dirty Dozen" and approved the addition of Crazy or Jumping Worms to the list. Anderson also suggested that down the line an internal "watch list" of high priority early detection species could be made for use solely by WRISC Partners. The team agreed that would be useful.*
2. **Phenology email feedback:** *Anderson solicited feedback from the team about recent emails with invasive phenology updates. McCullough said the emails were really good, useful, and might*

make a good addition to the WDNR's outdoor report. The team then had a brief discussion on the state of spotted knapweed biocontrol in the region.

- 3. MI Grant Projects (give feedback/ideas):** *Anderson solicited feedback for the Michigan Grant project deliverables.*
 - a. Targeted materials:** *In addition to the thistle ID brochure being planned, Hruska suggested creating a handout on Wild Parsnip targeted at ID and/or Landowner control.*
 - b. Website**
- 4. Other:** *McCullough asked about the recently reported Marinette Garlic Mustard patch and the Harmony Arboretum Adopt a Spot Training.*
- 5. BOD Agenda item(s):** *Dirty Dozen List*