

**Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC)
Terrestrial Invasive Species Action Team:**

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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.

Regular Meetings:

Meets on odd numbered months via conference call. Meeting times are scheduled by the WRISC Coordinator using doodle poll results. To join call dial **401-283-4156** and enter code **34985**.

2016 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 2016.

January 20th 2016 Meeting Minutes (9:00-9:45am)

In attendance: Emily Anderson, John Preuss, Aaron McCullough, Greg Cleereman, Nicole Shutt, Ann Hruska

1. **Review 2015 team Goals, set 2016 Goals:** *Team reviewed 2015 goals. Goals were mostly met in 2015 with the exception of no volunteer workday held in Menominee county. The team agreed that the goals look good for 2016 as well, and that WRISC should try hard to make sure a workday is held in Menominee county this year.*
2. **WDNR WMA Private Forest Grant: Current grant extension, new round proposals due April 1st**
Discuss new project ideas (<http://dnr.wi.gov/aid/wma.html>)
Emily updated the team on WRISC's WMA grant extension to the end of February for Emily to complete landowner mgmt. plans. She explained the items that a future WMA grant could

cover, including invasive control, mapping, and education for private forest landowners in WI. Suggestions for a future grant include conducting landowner site-visits with mapping/short write ups (as opposed to long mgmt. plans) and landowner workshops. Team members are asked to contact Emily with any additional ideas.

3. Knotweed update: Bohemian/Giant knotweed in Crandon - WDNR Rapid Response funding update/status

The Dickinson CD was found not eligible to apply for the WDNR AIS ED/RR funding since they are in Michigan. However, Lumberjack RC&D did agree to sponsor the grant and Emily is currently working on the application. In addition to control of the known bohemian knotweed location in Crandon, the project would also fund monitoring of all known knotweed locations in Forest county to determine species.

4. Roadway Mapping Results: next steps for 2016 follow-up

Emily has not had much time to work on contacting road crews or state DOTs. That said, she is currently working on customizing the PlayCleanGo Work Clean Go poster for distribution to road crews in all 5 counties. The team agreed that it will be easier to approach road crews when we have something like a poster and/or county invasive maps in hand to give them. Nicole agreed that the USFS can also help to distribute posters. Emily suggested that once posters are printed the team can approach other board members/partners to help distribute them and see what road crews would like more information.

5. Brainstorm 2016 volunteer workday locations/dates

Workday suggestions included:

Marinette garlic mustard (a Thursday in early-mid June well after herbicide treatment, Emily will coordinate with Greg)

Crandon garlic mustard (Emily will coordinate with Crandon folks)

Iron Mountain garlic mustard pull with high schoolers (coordinate with Rhonda Carey)

Fumee Lake Natural Area (maybe schedule multiple workdays?)

West Shore Fishing Museum in Menominee Co

Community Garden in Florence? (Talk to Margie)

6. Discuss new ideas: Partner survey and Check-out crew for WRISC partners

Emily updated the team on the idea for an online Partner survey and the idea for Partners to request WRISC help for invasive control projects. The team liked the survey idea if it is tied with the Strategic mgmt. plant. They also like the check-out crew idea as long as there is flexibility, maybe by having partners suggest desired locations/activities for control or monitoring but not request specific dates.

7. Other

Ann told the team about the upcoming RFP for the next WE Energies MEF grant cycle (2017-2018), pre-proposals due March 15th. MEF has funded and currently funds a LOT of WRISC activities. Ann and Emily are also looking for any suggestions for this grant and will send out the RFP and WRISC's current MEF grant to the action team.

8. BOD Agenda item(s)

Upcoming Grants

Partner survey?