

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

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**March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes (1:00-1:40pm)**

*In attendance: Emily Anderson, Aaron McCullough, John Preuss, Nicole Shutt*

1. **MEF Strike Team preproposal update:** *Emily shared WRISC's preproposal submitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> to the WE Energies MEF grant, which is very similar to a current grant award with a few additions including outreach to professional groups and studying management and restoration of European Marsh Thistle. If a full proposal is requested it can be fleshed out further. The team discussed a few and are encouraged to submit any other feedback or additions in the event a full proposal is requested.*
2. **WDNR WMA Private Forest Grant proposal –Review draft before meeting, give feedback** *Emily shared a draft proposal for this grant due April 1<sup>st</sup> and compared it with previous grants received from this source. The team agreed that site visits with shorter reports would be more useful to most landowners than full management plans. No specific changes to the proposal were suggested. Plans are to submit the proposal by March 25<sup>th</sup> at the latest, so any additional feedback should be submitted soon.*
3. **2016 volunteer workday locations/dates** *No specific dates have been chosen yet, but most of the workdays being scheduled/considered are for work with specific groups instead of general "public" workdays. The team agreed that working with groups can help ensure volunteers show up, and they could also be advertised to the public. Emily will also seek input from Partners that fill out the upcoming Partner survey and want to help plan control work.*
4. **New Work Clean Go poster – ideas to distribute:** *Emily will bring these posters to the board meeting and have partners/members distribute to area workers/crews from there.*
5. **Request for European Marsh Thistle control guide to complement thistle brochure**
6. **Request for European Marsh Thistle UMISC presentation** *Tom (NRCS) requested a European Marsh Thistle control guide for use by consulting foresters as a complement to the thistle ID brochure. The team agreed that a guide like this would be very useful, but with spring everyone is busy. Emily mentioned that Brock Woods suggested she speak on EMT for the upcoming UMISC conference in October. Since a control handout would be very useful for the conference, the team will try to compile information by then (if time allows). When team members have time, they should compile what information/experience they have managing EMT and send it to Emily who will compile the information. Items to include: chemical treatment, manual treatment, mechanical/mowing, burning, and any general or specific*

*observations on where they plant is found, how it spreads/grows, and troubles or solutions in managing it.*

**7. Other**

*Emily also updated the team on recent EAB updates in Dickinson County and white-nose syndrome bat die-offs occurring.*

**8. BOD Agenda item(s)**