



# Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

A cooperative partnership managing invasive species in  
Dickinson, Menominee (MI), Florence, Forest, and Marinette Counties (WI)

## **Invasive Strike Team Volunteer**

*Volunteer Season:* May 1st (approx.) - October 31<sup>st</sup> (approx.)

*Do you enjoy being outdoors and working with terrestrial plants? Do you enjoy nature and the native plants in your area? Then help us get rid of the invasive species threatening our lands.*

*Description:* The Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is a cooperative invasive species management area (CISMA) operating in Florence, Forest, and Marinette counties in Wisconsin and Dickinson and Menominee counties in Northern Michigan. Our CISMA consists of partners and members from local, state, tribal, and federal agencies, land managers, utility companies, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals, all interested in the education and management of invasive species in the five county WRISC area.

Non-native invasive species can have devastating ecological and economic impacts to communities. Industries such as forestry, agriculture, and outdoor recreation are all at risk, as are native fish and wildlife habitats. This coalition strives to combine multi-agency resources and expertise to coordinate education and management of invasive species across borders, promoting best management practices that will help to slow the spread of these invaders.

As a Strike Team Volunteer, you will assist the WRISC Strike Team in conducting invasive species management across the WRISC area, which could include pulling Garlic mustard, cutting Wild parsnip, clipping Japanese knotweed, and others. Working alongside the WRISC Strike Team you will be learning from others who care about native habitat as well as learning integrated management techniques that you could implement on your own property for invasive management.

Due to COVID1-9, volunteers will be required to adhere to all safety guidelines being followed by WRISC. These guidelines may include driving separate to work sites and wearing a face mask when in close proximity to others. Updates and full guidelines will be posted shortly.

*\*Strike Team Volunteer will assist WRISCs Strike Team staff and will conduct mechanical control. No chemical treatments will be performed by the volunteer.*

### *Benefits:*

- Gain knowledge of invasive species and management strategies
- Give back to your community
- Manage the invasive species in your area
- Team atmosphere and socialization

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## **Requirements:**

- Must be able to work in a variety of outdoor terrain and weather conditions
- Be flexible, as scheduled workdays can change due to weather
- Volunteer must be able to lift a minimum of 25 lbs.

## **Should Come Prepared With:**

- Close toed shoes
- Long pants
- Long sleeve shirt

### **Recommended:**

- Change of clothes
- Lunch
- Drinking water
- Hat or other head cover