

Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) Meeting

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, Ashland

Tuesday, April 12, 2010

Present: Colleen Matula (WDNR), Matt Bushman (Cheq.Nicolet NF), Heather Palmquist (Iron County), Stefania Strzalkowska (Bayfield County), Peggy Burkman (NPS), Carmen Chapin (NPS), Steven Spickerman (USFS), Jane Swenson (Lake Assoc) and Darienne McNamara (NCWMA Coordinator).

DONUT DISCUSSION - USFS/GLRI Funding for NCWMA

- Discussion regarding what to do with \$50K from USFS (GLRI funds directly allocated to USFS)
- General budget described in Partnership Agreement with USFS
- NCWMA Coordinator position will be extended to April 2011
- Portion of the funds will be used to purchase equipment, office supplies, travel expenses for coordinator, printing costs
- Approx \$11K for projects such as:
 - managing invasives in private gravel pits near Cheq-Nicolet National Forest, aiming to get some pits certified as "weed free" (Darienne will research what is involved in this)
 - reimburse costs for Pesticide Applicator Certification for individuals from local community groups (up to \$50)
 - volunteer incentives - lump sum to groups that provide volunteers to control invasives, need to determine max. donation amount, donation will be based on number of volunteer hours donated

BUSINESS MEETING

• library boxes for Invasive Species Awareness Month

- Colleen challenged members of the NCWMA to help stock local libraries with educational materials regarding invasive species
- for anyone is interested, Colleen will contribute a plastic crate/box, the Czarapata book on invasives, a DVD, invasive species coloring books, and other materials to stock up the box, other brochures are available from the NCWMA
- the following libraries will have materials by June (Inv Sp Awareness Month) - Iron River, Ashland, Mellen, Hurley, Mercer, Bayfield, Washburn, Cable
- if you'd like to get a box for your library, contact Colleen Matula (DNR)

• April newsletter

- Darienne was looking for a few ideas to fill the newsletter, group suggested an article on gardening given time of the year; include info on using non-invasives (native or not), listing common invasive garden plants and providing sources of info on invasive and native garden plants

• ROW workshops

- so far have 85 registrations total across all four workshops
- what is our ultimate goal from these workshops? in other words, what is our distilled message to participants?
 - know which invasives are in your jurisdiction and where they are
 - avoid spreading invasives (with equipment, gravel, etc)
 - don't plant invasives (seed mixes)
 - contact us if you need guidance

- BMP pocket guide - Colleen Matula made a draft mini-guide to the ROW BMP's for participants to keep in their vehicles; Carmen and Heather offered to finalize and print in time for the workshop on the 14th
- **Round Robin:**
 - **Jane** - conservation congress is tonight - vote on item 62: Get the Lead Out
 - **Carmen** - EPMT crew started today, starting treatment soon; working on GLRI, starting to travel often for field season; Isaiah is gone until October
 - **Matt** - has contract with Lee Shambeau to treat knapweed in north half of Washburn district, using Milestone this year for first time
 - Tom Cogger - retiring in July, expects they'll fill position eventually, Gary H will likely be new rep from NRCS from may not have time to attend meetings
 - **Steven** - starting mid-May his crew and Martine will be back, approx 300 acres planned for treatment and inventory this year across 5 counties, the crew is available to help with treatment off the forest if needed
 - **Stefania** - CBCW training in Iron River this week, Lake Assoc Roundtable next week; planning to have display at upcoming events (Birding & Nature Festival, Kids Fishing Day)
 - **Heather** - has 3-4 interns to do CBCW and lake surveys in Iron Co this summer; growing purple loosestrife in her living room for beetles
 - **Peggy** - hired seasonal invasives position to do control work and interpretive outreach, not likely to make many summer meetings (in the field)
 - **Colleen** - garlic mustard is out and growing, working on a large private parcel near Boulder Junction to study garlic mustard setting up systematic mapping and treatment using Garlon and Oust, says we'll be hand-pulling at Copper Falls on the 22nd for the field day

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 11
 National Park Service - Great Lakes Network Office
 Ashland, WI
 9am - Business meeting