

Jan. 13, 2009 NCWMA Meeting Notes

Present: Matt B., Mary Jo G., Miles, Stefania, Dara, Colleen, Heather, Tony (ashland resident), Ruth O., Cathy T.

Stefania: Discussed DOT training workshop and MN version – good handouts!

Mary Jo – Discussed training for road crew (town and county) in iron cty. This would be a start (trial for others to be held in our area). What are the focus species? Wild parsnip and spotted knapweed, maybe marsh and Canada thistle.

When would be the best time? Before May (field season)

Examples of Why should folks care about invasive spp invasion and spread? Economic, ecological and health concerns

Need to find out more of the status of NR 40. --- Kelly K?

Speakers? Possible Steve Garske (glifwc), Ian Shackelford (Ottawa NF), Mark Morey, Carmin Chapin (NPS), Irv Soulier?

Need to work out an Agenda for the training session: Focus on awareness/education

Speaker Topics: Why should folks care, Identification, BMP, intro to control (herbicide)

Ruth Mentioned that Iowa website for good resources on invasives.

More details to work on for this session

Colleen: WEEB grant proposal for NCWMA - Focus on Forest Invasives and Outdoor recreation – asking for near \$20,000 for part time NCWMA coordinator for this project which include info/awareness packets for silent sports groups, interp. Programs, hunter education, signage of trail systems, working at NCWMA booth.

Grant proposal due Feb 14.

Mary Jo also developed a proposal for WEEB grant for her program to make ATV users more aware, invasive awareness in Iron cty... cleaning stations/education.

Stefania: discussed watercraft inspection proposal (grant) article about NCWMA

Upcoming Dates:

--Feb 12 – Northland College Career Day – Stefania and Dara (?) will work at NCWMA booth.

--April 4 – Farm and Garden Show --- Need someone to possibly work this booth (there is a cost)

--June 19 – Lakes conference at Telemark – should have a booth (\$20)

--Ashland Farmers Market – should NCWMA have a booth? Need to discuss next meeting

--Need to develop brochure on what we have in our toolshed for use –(Dara?)

--Dara mentioned BIA natural resource personnel invasive (terrestrial) training

--Ruth mentioned March 18 – Working Lands day of presentations at NGLVC

**Next Month Meeting: February 10, 9am. (Donut Discussion)
10am (regular meeting) At Northern Great Lakes Visitor
Center. Topics: Calendar of field work day**