

These are brief notes from the CWMA planning meeting. 10:30 am July 6th at the NGLVC. Action items in red.

Present: Tom C., Mike M., Vijai, Carmen (facilitator), Miles F.

It was suggested that the Northwoods Weeds Initiative re-form as the Northwoods CWMA. All in attendance suggested that Wendy S. could continue as the 'champion' until the CWMA is official and a steering committee can be elected. (Wendy?)

We used the CWMA cookbook as guidance and discussed the steps needed to put together a CWMA preproposal. We got through step 5. Carmen took notes and will send out a draft of the pre-proposal for comment in a few weeks. The goal is to have a short pre-proposal on the table before calling in all the other interested parties. It was agreed that it will make interest higher and buy-in more likely if something has already been put down on paper.

Individuals are responsible for finding examples of CWMA agreements (MOU'S etc.) in their agencies. (Note: Carmen cannot find electronic copies of forms she will do some digging but if anyone else has them, please send) Mike M-F&W Wendy-FS Carmen-NPS Tom-NRCS Mile-tribes

Miles also commented that we could get better buy-in if we had a list of our projects and accomplishments to add as an appendix to the pre-proposal.

It also made sense to have this list when we look to funding sources. Miles will start the list and circulate.

The next meeting is suggest for the end of August. Please send Wendy dates available for the week of Aug 22 or Aug 29.

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