

Northwoods Weed Initiative  
Meeting Minutes  
Chequamegon Book & Coffee  
06-03-2004

Attendees: Tom Cogger, Ben Dufford, Steven Spickerman, Wendy Stein

**\*Invasive Conference Update:** Date is set for the Invasives Conference -- April 7, 2005, at Lakewoods Resort in Cable. Miles is on the planning committee which meets again on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Potential Funding for NWI Coordinator:** Tom reported NRCS has funding for grazing issues that could possibly be used for leafy spurge efforts, including a coordinator. There's potential for a multi-year position stationed at the NRCS office in Ashland; may need another entity (other than NRCS) to secure the funding. Ben offered to check with Diane Daulton. Another option might be Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute.

**\*Washburn Ecology Club:** Students have been out in the Town of Washburn marking the pavement with 'LS' in an effort to alert the Town mower of the spurge locations. The students need a survey form and GPS. Tom can provide a GPS. Wendy will modify a form used by the Forest Service for weed surveys. Discussed the data items to be collected. Tom and Wendy will meet with Cathy Hoffman (Science teacher) to explain a process for the students to follow for data collection, photos, etc.

**\*Control Efforts:** Wendy reported NWI is on the list with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to receive beetles when available. Wendy will also contact Trempeleau for beetles. Plan to put in monitoring plots prior to beetle release.

Per phone call with Miles Falck, plans are to have an herbicide crew out this Fall for approximately 6 weeks.

Wendy will check with the County Extension to see if they will initiate a letter to the Town of Washburn landowners (as was done last year) reminding them to mow spurge prior to it going to seed (by end of June).

**\*Miscellaneous:** Ben sent emails to the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Turkey Foundation informing them of our group, and efforts to control leafy spurge.

Wendy will contact Pam to see if she is still in need of agency logos to complete the poster.

After the meeting Ben, Tom, and Wendy went out to the spurge site on Maple Hill to check for beetle emergence. We did not see any sign of beetles or leaf damage.

Wendy Stein  
Notetaker