

Lake Tahoe Weed Coordinating Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 20th, 2008

USFS Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe

Attending

Sue Donaldson, UNCE
Gretchen Huie, NTCD
Cheryl Beyer, USFS
Jenny Francis, TRCD/ISP
Dana Dapolito, CTC
Nancy Lozano, CA State Parks
Larry Hughes, Douglas County
Cecilia Reed, USFS
Jerry Owens, NRCS

Nicole Cartwright, TRCD
Cara Stafford, TRCD
John Warpeha, Washoe Tribe
Jessica Honeycutt, EDC Ag Dept.
Wendy West, UCCE
Kim Williams, NV Natural Heritage
LeeAnne Mila, EDC Ag Dept.

1. Introductions

2. MOU Update

ACTION: USFS will work with Wendy to complete and return, CTC will return aquatic and terrestrial, Washoe Tribe will check to see where they are at in the process, CA State Parks and Douglas County will return soon, NRCS needs to follow up with Jane and get back to Wendy, El Dorado and UNCE also need to check and will let Wendy know where it is at in the process.

3. 2007 Annual Report

Reviewed annual report and highlighted accomplishments

4. Early Detection and Rapid Response-Internal Flow Chart

Cecilia offered to post internal call list on USFS website. Sue stated that the list should only contain contact information

ACTION: Jessica Honeycutt and Leanne will work on the flow chart

5. Invasive Weeds-“Pressures” Map

LeeAnne presented the 2007 map. Group agreed that the map was a useful funding mechanism. The group suggested that individual maps be created for grasses, thistles/knapweed, and “wet” or riparian species.

6. Updates/Planning 2008

Update Action Plan

Funding Update

Wendy reported that a small amount of WMA funds are available. Jenny reported on SNPLMA funding. She continues to work with Jane on Round 9 funding. Feedback she has received on current proposals, indicates that more emphasis should be given to recording and monitoring efforts. LeeAnne reported that her group was just approved for two additional survey and eradication passes. Washoe Tribe just received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Sue reported that the Dept. of Ag committed \$2500 for the NV side of the lake for survey and eradication efforts.

ACTION: For the next round of SNPLMA funds, the group will try to get coordinated effort started before June

Survey Mapping and Treatment

LeeAnne is planning one pass for the Angora area before June 30th. She will do 2 passes after that date. USFS has funding for invasive weed pulling on sites of known infestations. Jenny will do a fall pass with one of her contracts. She plans to do one pass each year. The NV passes will be covered by NDOA and NTCD funding.

Kim reported that the spreadsheet is best when GPS is not available. She stressed that dates should be included in the attribute table and each mapped point should be given a unique name and compiled in one single folder. Kim stated that paper files are more difficult to deal with, so it is very important to coordinate with Larry and Sue to get appropriate electronic tracking process in place for the Nevada data.

Dan handed out photo documentation of mapped species in NV and CA

ACTION: LeeAnne will email Kim 2004 and 2007 data

ACTION: LeeAnne will put together communities where we need invasive maps

ACTION: LeeAnne will share her documentation and tracking sheet with the group

ACTION: Sue will work with Larry to create a spreadsheet for tracking and send it out to the group

Angora Fire Area Work

Nicole has 2 events in Angora area to educate public about after fire restoration efforts

ACTION: Jenny will contact League to see about coordinating upcoming thistle event

Aquatic Invasive Species Working Group

Jenny gave an update on the annual report and 2008 funding summary

Yellow Toadflax

No new progress in getting it listed in CA

Presentations and Agencies

Wendy and Jenny gave presentation to Tahoe Inter-agency Executive Committee. It was well received.

Outreach and Training

The group is currently coordinating to determine desired outcomes

ACTION: Jenny will complete current outreach efforts and determine what actions are needed to achieve EDRR

ACTION: Jenny, Wendy, and Nicole will meet to discuss volunteer program

ACTION: Group will continue to work on creating website

7. Other business

Letter of Support for CDFA WMA Funding

ACTION: Group agreed Wendy should send letters of support for CA WMA funding to legislators on letterhead.