

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERAL INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE  
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF NOXIOUS AND EXOTIC WEEDS

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and among the signatory Federal Agencies referred to as the Federal Agencies.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the Federal Interagency Committee for Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds (hereafter referred to as FICMNEW). The FICMNEW will work cooperatively to accomplish an ecological and integrated approach to the management of noxious and exotic weeds (hereafter referred to as management) on Federal lands and technical assistance on private lands.

The Federal Agencies propose to work together within the scope of their respective authorities toward a common goal of achieving sustainable, healthy ecosystems that meet the needs of society.

Additionally, all Federal Agencies desire to achieve the advancement of knowledge and skills, good land stewardship practices and public awareness of noxious and exotic weed issues and management. This cooperation is in the parties' mutual interest.

II. CHARTER FOR FICMNEW

The FICMNEW is charged with coordinating the identification of the extent and impacts of noxious and exotic weeds for the Secretaries of the involved Departments through the appropriate Assistant Secretaries.

This committee will coordinate a Federal Government approach which includes the development of agency needs, and will make recommendations to Departmental leadership on research, technology transfer, and management actions. The committee will present yearly progress reports on the status of the noxious and exotic weed problem.

### III. DUTIES OF FICMNEW

1. Share the scientific and technical expertise of various agencies related to noxious and exotic weed management.
2. Encourage Federal employees to work collaboratively to enhance their resource management capabilities and advance the state of knowledge of the art and science of technical assistance and management of noxious and exotic weeds by an open interchange of knowledge, skills, abilities, and resources.
3. Cooperate in the development of technical workshops, continuing education courses, natural resource management conferences, scientific publications, and demonstrations. Examples could include special training sessions and conferences concerning technical aspects of noxious and exotic weeds.
4. Meet annually, or as needed, to review the progress and opportunities of implementing the MOU.

### IV. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AND AMONG THE SAID PARTIES THAT:

1. Specific work projects or activities which involve the transfer of funds, services, or property between the parties to this MOU will require the execution of separate agreements or contracts, contingent upon the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress. Each subsequent agreement or arrangement involving the transfer of funds, services, or property among the parties to this MOU must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, including those statutes and regulations applicable to procurement activities, and must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
2. This MOU in no way restricts the Federal Agencies from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.
3. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate the Federal Agencies to expend appropriations or to enter into any contracts or other obligations.

4. The initial committee chairs and principal contacts for this agreement are:

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5. Unless terminated under the terms of paragraph 6 below, this MOU will remain in full force and in effect; the MOU will be subject to review annually.

6. This MOU may be modified or amended upon written request of any party and the concurrence of the other. Any party may be removed from this MOU upon written notice to the other parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last written date below.

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