



## Fact Sheet

FICMNEW is a formal partnership, established in 1994 through a Memorandum of Understanding, among 18 federal agencies with direct invasive plant management and regulatory responsibilities across the United States and territories. Website for more information: <https://www.forestsandrangelands.gov/FICMNEW/index.shtml>

### Federal agency members

- Department of Defense
  - Armed Forces Pest Management Board
  - Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Energy
  - Energy Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS)
- Department of the Interior
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - National Park Service
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - US Geological Survey
- Department of Transportation
  - Federal Highway Administration
- Environmental Protection Agency
- US Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Marketing Service
  - Agricultural Research Service
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Farm Service Agency
  - Forest Service
  - National Institute of Food and Agriculture
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service

### FICMNEW 10-year Review

A History of FICMNEW by Bonnie Harper-Lore:

<https://my.usgs.gov/confluence/display/FICMNEW/History>

### The FICMNEW charter

emphasizes coordination in the development and sharing of scientific and technical information through collaborative efforts among the federal partnership to inform regional and national management of invasive plants.

### FICMNEW meetings/teleconferences

occur monthly and include "Federal agencies only" and "Open" (interested public) sessions for topics of interest, presentations or critical issue discussions. Presentations from calendar years 2015-2017 included:

- "Play Clean Go Program and an Overview of the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA)" by **Julie Kraft**, NAISMA Communications/Outreach Coordinator
- "A Template for Engaging Local Communities via *WEED WRANGLE*" by **Steve Manning**, Invasive Plant Control (IPC)
- "An Overview of the *North American Invasive Species Network* (NAISN)" by **Don Schmitz** and **Chuck Barger**
- "A history of FICMNEW" by **Dr. Al Tasker**, USDA-APHIS
- "Long-term Recovery after a Firestorm including Coordinated Weed Management" by **Jon Wyss**, Chair for the long-term recovery efforts in Okanogan County, Washington





- “An Introduction to the National Seed Strategy for Rehabilitation and Restoration” by **Peggy Olwell**, Plant Conservation Lead for BLM
- “A Discussion of the *National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW)*” by **Scott Cameron**, President of Reduce Risks for Invasive Species Coalition (RRISC)
- “*EDDMapS - Mapping Invasive Species, 10 years later*” by **Chuck Barger**
- “Impact of Herbicides on Non-target Plant Species in Field Edges and Road Networks, and the Implications for Pollinator Health and Protection” by **Dave Mortensen**, Professor of Weed and Applied Plant Ecology, Penn State University
- “Report on Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining oversight and legislative hearing

to examine the impacts of invasive species on the productivity, value, and management of land and water resources (S.2240)” by **Faith Campbell**, Center for Invasive Species Prevention (CISP), Board member

- “Ecologically-based Invasive Plant Management of Annual Grasses” by Dr. Roger Sheley, USDA-ARS
- “Seed Regulatory & Testing Division: Regulation of Prohibited and Restricted Noxious-weed Seeds under the Federal Seed Act” by **Ernest L. Allen**, Director USDA, AMS, LPS, Seed Regulatory and Testing Division, Gastonia, NC
- “*USA National Phenology Network: New Gridded Phenology Products to Support Invasive Species Management*” by **Alyssa Rosemartin**, Partner and Application Specialist, USA National Phenology Network, National Coordinating Office
- “Getting the Ducks in a Row: Advances in Federal Agency Coordination to Address Invasive Species” by **Carol Randall**, USDA Forest Service-Forest Health Protection, Coeur d’Alene, ID
- And more!



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## Significant Historical FICMNEW publications and contributions

- “Guidelines for Coordinated Management of Noxious Weeds: Development of Weed Management Areas”
- “A National Early Detection and Rapid Response System for Invasive Plants in the United States Conceptual Design” (September 2003)
- “Meeting the Invasive Species Challenge - Management Plan” (October 2001)
- “National Invasive Species Management Plan: 2008 - 2012” (August 2008)
- FICMNEW Issue Paper on “Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*)”
- FICMNEW Issue Paper on “Invasive Plant Management Using Integrated Pest Management” (September 2004)

## Recent Significant FICMNEW activities, publications, and contributions

- “National Invasive Species Management Plan 2016-2018” (July 2016)
- “FICMNEW 2018 Work Plan” (July 2017)

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## A Summary

The Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds (FICMNEW) was established in 1994 and initiated collaborative efforts among 17 federal agencies. FICMNEW continues to coordinate federal invasive plant management and address regulatory issues relevant to the United States and territories. Sharing information with various public and private organizations during their 2015/2016 monthly meetings, FICMNEW sponsored 14 webinars on a wide variety of topics, presented two awards, advised on the content of the National Invasive Species Management Plan, responded to invasive plant alerts from citizens, and played an active role in the federal invasive species science community.

