



## Fact Sheet

FICMNEW is a formal partnership, established in 1994 through a Memorandum of Understanding, among 17 federal agencies with direct invasive plant management and regulatory responsibilities across the United States and its territories. Website for more information: <https://my.usgs.gov/confluence/display/FICMNEW/>

### Federal agency members

- Department of Defense
  - ArmedForcesPestManagementBoard
  - ArmyCorpsOfEngineers
- 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

### 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. Just some of the presentations from calendar years 2017-2019 included:

- “Recent Detection and Spread of a new type of *Trapa*, an Invasive Aquatic Plant, in the Potomac River Watershed” by **Nancy Rybicki**, USGS emerita
- “Weed Risk Assessments as Tools for Categorizing and Quantifying the Invasiveness of Plant Species” by **Andrew Koop**, USDA APHIS-PPQ
- “Quantify and rank weed impacts for prioritizing management” by **Dean Pearson**, USFS
- “Unicorn Caught? A Presentation of the Results from CD3/Wildlife Forever Waterless Cleaning Station Pilot” by **Edgar Rudberg**, CEO, CD3 General Benefit Corporation
- “The Status of Classical Biological Control of Weeds: One Step Forward and Two Steps Back” by **Bob Nowierski**, USDA NIFA
- “A history of FICMNEW” by **Al Tasker**, USDA-APHIS





- “Why Control Invasive Aquatic Plants?” by **John Madsen**, USDA-ARS
- “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
- “Glyphosate and Communicating Risk” by **Kaci Buhl**, National Pesticide Information Center

- “CABI Invasive Species Compendium Training: A resource for expert knowledge on invasive species in the world and the USA” by **Hilda Diaz-Soltero**, USDA APHIS
- “Invasive Plant Management in the National Park Service: Exotic Plant Management Teams” by **Terri Hogan**, National Park Service
- “Indaziflam: A New Cellulose Biosynthesis Inhibiting Herbicide” by **Derek Sabastian**, Bayer Inc.
- “Mission LQ: A new citizen science app for Lamb's Quarters (*Chenopodium album*) data collection” by Brianna Posadas, Florida State University, Gainesville



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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)
- “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 monthly meetings, FICMNEW sponsors webinars on a wide variety of topics, presents awards, advises on the content of the National Invasive Species Management Plan, responds to invasive plant alerts from citizens, coordinates international meetings, and plays an active role in the federal invasive species science community.

