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The **Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic weeds (FICMNEW)** represents an unprecedented formal partnership between 18 federal agencies with direct invasive plant management and regulatory responsibilities spanning across the United States and territories. FICMNEW was established through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by agency leadership in 1994 and 1997. It is currently co-chaired by USDA-NIFA (Bob Nowierski) and DOI-BLM (Gina Ramos).

During bi-monthly open meetings, FICMNEW members interact on important national and regional invasive plant issues and share information with various public and private organizations participating with the federal sector to address invasive plant issues.

FICMNEW's charter directs the committee to coordinate, through the respective Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Agency heads, information regarding the identification and extent of invasive plants in the U.S. and to coordinate federal agency management of these species. FICMNEW accomplishes these portions of its charter by developing and sharing scientific and technical information, fostering collaborative efforts among federal agencies, providing recommendations for national and regional level management of invasive plants, and sponsoring technical/educational conferences and workshops concerning invasive plants.

FICMNEW continues to bridge the gap between federal agency invasive plant management and science activities and has been a driving force behind the national emphasis against the broader invasive species threat.

Next Open Meeting is September 25th	Presentation (Past presentations can be downloaded here)	Presenter	Meeting Location & Call-in Information
Wednesday September 25th 2:30-4:00 PM ET	Mission LQ: a new citizen science app for lamb's quarters (<i>Chenopodium album</i>) data collection Mission LQ is a mobile application recently developed for the University of the District of Columbia to collect information on the location of lamb's quarters growth in the DMV (DC, Maryland, and Virginia). The application was built using a user-centered design approach and was deployed this summer for user testing. Preliminary results show high usability with room for improvement in plant identification training. This crowdsourcing platform to collect data for precision agriculture is part of Ms. Posada's doctoral thesis. Her goal is to create a citizen science platform that can then be used to create machine learning algorithms. In turn, this crowdsourcing approach can be used to educate people about important agricultural issues.	Brianna Posadas Brianna is a PhD candidate and McKnight Fellow at the University of Florida (UF) in Gainesville. She is also the graduate ambassador for the UF chapter of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.	Where: 20 M Street, SE (Navy Yard Metro - Green Line (exit West side), RM 5003, Riparian Interview Room. Or by WebEx: https://meetings.webex.com/collabs/meetings/join?uid=M8SMBITHK72OQ1GN704NOHNVQA-1QJ5 Meeting number: 199 444 225 Audio: +1-415-655-0001 Access code: 199 444 225#

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