

# FICMNEW home



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.

<b>Next Open Meeting To be determined</b> <a href="#">Latest meeting</a>	<b>Presentation</b> <a href="#">(Past presentations can be downloaded here)</a>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Meeting Location &amp; Call-in Information</b>
Wednesday, October 30th, 2:30-3:30 PM ET	<b>Version 2.0 of a comprehensive list of U.S. non-native species and how it may relate to FICMNEW</b>  The USGS' recent <a href="#">update</a> of its list of non-native species established in Alaska, Hawaii, and the conterminous United States is a compilation and analysis of authoritative assertions of the nonindigenous status of all taxa in our nation. Is a subset of this list relevant to weed managers and decision makers? Following the presentation and any resulting questions, join us in a conversation to discuss possible parameters of a potential FICMNEW weed list.	<a href="#">Annie Simpson</a> , biologist and information scientist, U.S. Geological Survey	

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[Charter \(2008\) \(pdf\)](#)

[FICMNEW fact sheet \(2019 draft\) \(pdf\)](#)

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