

# 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-FS (Mike Ielmini) and DOI-NPS (Terri Hogan).

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</b>	<b>Presentation</b> (Past presentations can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a> )	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Meeting Location &amp; Call-in Information</b>
Thursday, July 29, 2021  1:00 pm EDT/11:00 am MDT	USDA Plants Database: New and Improved	Christine Taliga-Burton, Plant Ecologist  National Plant Data Team, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service	Pending
Thursday, October 28, 2021  1:00 pm EDT/11:00 am MDT	TBD: Phragmites management in the Great Lakes Region	Kurt Kowalski, Research Ecologist  U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Center	Pending
Thursday, January 27, 2022  1:00 pm EST/11:00 am MDT	TBD: USGS Tools for Invasive Species Management	USGS Fort Collins Science Center staff, Colorado State University	Pending

[MOU's \(memoranda of understanding\)](#)

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

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

[History](#) - based on information provided by Bonnie Harper-Lore

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