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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 DOI-NPS (Terri Hogan) and DOE (Eric Bradley).

During quarterly 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	Presentation (Past presentations can be downloaded here)	Presenter	Meeting Location & Call-in Information
Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:00 pm EDT /11:00 am MDT	The Great Lakes <i>Phragmites</i> Collaborative: Regional Coordination, Adaptive Management, and New Treatments for an Invasive Grass	Kurt Kowalski, Research Ecologist U.S. Geological Survey - Great Lakes Science Center	Join from the meeting link: https://doe.webex.com/doe/j.php? MTID=mc90202ecfa0679fa3c27481ac57eb9f6 Meeting number (access code): 2762 447 6319 Meeting password: DnEJJ8hMi89 Join by phone +1-415-527-5035 US Toll +1-929-251-9612 USA Toll 2
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)

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Accomplishments