

# 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 DOE (Eric Bradley) and DOI-BLM (Seth Flanigan).

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.

| <b>Next Open Meeting</b>                                    | <b>Presentation</b><br><small>(Past presentations can be downloaded <a href="#">here</a>)</small> | <b>Presenters</b>   | <b>Meeting Location &amp; Call-in Information</b>   |
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| Thursday, July 28, 2022<br><br>1:00 pm EST<br>/11:00 am MDT | <b>The Bureau of Reclamation's Yuma Area Office Giant Salvinia Program</b>                        | <b>Nicholas (Nick) Heatwole</b> is an Environmental Protection Specialist for the Bureau of Reclamation at the Yuma Area Office (YAO). Mr. Heatwole studied at the University of Arizona receiving a BS in Renewable Natural Resources with an emphasis in Wildlife Ecology in 1998. Nick has over 20 years of experience in the environmental field, working with Reclamation on NEPA and Endangered Species issues since 2005. He has been working with invasive species issues and managing YAO's Giant Salvinia Program since 2010.<br><br><b>Aaron Murphy</b> is an Ecologist with the US Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center (TSC) in Denver, CO. Mr. Murphy has a BS in Conservation Biology and Ecology and MS in Conservation Technology from the Florida Institute of Technology. He has been involved with the research and management of invasive species since 2017, and began supporting YAO's Giant Salvinia Program in 2019. | Call in instructions will be sent via email.<br><br>Please email <a href="mailto:asimpson@usgs.gov">asimpson@usgs.gov</a> if you are not on our elist and would like to receive a meeting invitation. |

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