

CWMA notes 11/23

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Present were Larry Johnson, Irene Wood, Betty Chavez, and Delia Persons, Michelle Hebert, Diane Classen, Joni Scharfenberg, Jim Helm, George Wilson, Steve Ulvi, and Jay Moore, CES, Tanana Chiefs.

Meeting was held at USDA service center conference room

1. Discussion about MOU signatures and objectives included suggestions that objectives include education, prevention, eradication and control/management.
2. Each attendee was asked about being an MOU signatory and a steering committee member. There was a mixed response. CES, FSWCD already signed and will be part of the committee. Master Gardeners, retired teachers, TVFM, NRCS will meet and decide next week. Others are unsure at this time. Many expressed reservations about the MOU as it is written at this time. Joni said she would find out if we can modify it. There were also questions about the structure of the organization and Joni said she would contact Jamie Snyder and Catherine Inman to get more information.
3. The group suggested that CWMA focus on the most detrimental weeds and the most urgent locations for action.
4. A list of 5 priority weeds was developed: -sow thistle, hemp nettle, foxtail barley, bird vetch, and yellow toadflax.
5. A list of priority target areas included: Yukon flats, home gardens, nursery, garden centers, Dalton Highway, community gardens, greenhouses, farms, horse stables, dog yards, school yards, Van Horn Road, waterways, road intersections
6. Areas that could be sub-weed management areas included Nenana, Healy, Chena Hot Springs Resort
7. The group did not yet determine the local CWMA boundaries-Soil and Water District Boundaries were suggested, but some wanted to include the Dalton Highway-another suggestion was the NRCS district. This will be another question to ask the forest service.
8. Suggestions for the next meeting included: Jamie Snyder or Michael Shepherd of the Forestry Service invited, a plan to get MOU and other info to other groups, planning for a public meeting, and identification of priority action items.

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