

Minutes of the IWM Committee Conf. Call July 7 2008

The call convened shortly after 10:00AM. In attendance were:

Tonda Moon

Jerry Marks

Joe Weigand

Kim Goodwin

Kenny Keever

The meeting started in part at 10:00AM with Joe Weigand, Tonda Moon, and Kenny Keever on the phone. Kim Goodwin and Jerry Marks joined at around 10:20AM.

The committee members spoke about their respective assignments from the last call and were asked to refine the thoughts they had put together and add suggestions that came from the discussion. The goal is to make a list of items that this group can begin to work on to help meet the goals of the Montana Weed Management Plan. From there, these items will be prioritized and hopefully pursued. It was noted that much of this work is done as time allows in everyone's schedule so things may not happen at the pace we intend.

The research and mapping groups need to be resurrected to deal with the items presented in the MT Weed Plan.

Some items that were brought up that the committee felt would fit better in the Leadership and Organization or Education components. However, we would bring these forth in the IWM committee: 1) Engaging other associations in our activities and sending representatives to their activities. For example: holding a joint conference with another organization. 2) Developing ways to change public perception of the weed issue to encourage public involvement and pressure on decision makers to do more about invasive species issues. 3) Formalize the formulation of individual species task forces.

The next conf. call will be on 8/4/2008 at 10:00AM. Refinements/assignments will be due 7/28/2008 for compilation.