

Minutes of the IWM Committee Conf. Call June 2 2008

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

Dave Burch

Tonda Moon

Eric Hanson

Jerry Marks

Joe Weigand

Justun Juelfs

Kim Goodwin

Kenny Keever

The committee discussed the purpose of and history behind the formation of the MWCA Integrated Weed Management (IWM) Committee. The IWM Committee was formed to facilitate, support, and encourage communication within the MWCA and to other working groups and/or organizations in the weed management arena. It encompasses many of the historic committees that are, or once were, part of the MWCA. It does not direct or dictate to other working groups, but should support these groups activities related to meeting the objectives of the Montana Weed Management Plan.

The committee has currently 3 working groups it deals with: 1) Biological Control – this group is its own entity and is loosely tied to the MWCA. Tonda Moon is the Chair, 2) Mapping – This group is currently inactive but may be resurrected with work currently proposed by/through the Heritage Program/NRIS, 3) Research Needs – This group is mostly inactive other than reviewing Trust Fund Grants.

As outlined in the committee guidelines for the MWCA, the IWM committee is to follow the following objective and guidelines:

Objective: To encourage the development, research, and demonstration of sustainable, integrated weed management strategies.

The IPM Needs Committee will:

1. be comprised of a minimum of 5 members, including one representative from each of the key components as identified for managing weeds: risk analysis and prevention, management, inventory and monitoring, and research (awareness and education is identified in the education committee).
2. include committee members who shall be members of the Association.
3. have a chair and a vice-chair.
4. provide written reports to the Board of Directors when actions are taken by the committee.
5. provide an operational plan and budget upon request from the executive officers.
6. maintain a current contact list of their members and provide to the executive secretary.

7. be strongly encouraged to submit articles for MWCA publications.
8. to encourage the monitoring and strengthening of the components of the state weed plan.

The committee discussed the development of an operation plan. The plan will be based on the categories listed in the Montana Weed Management Plan. This includes Risk Analysis and Prevention, Management, Restoration and Reclamation, Inventory Monitoring and Evaluation, and Research. The items Leadership and Organization and Public Outreach Awareness and Education are outside the scope of this committee.

For each of the items to be addressed, a committee member was assigned to 1) review that portion of the plan, especially the need for action and come up with ideas on how to help meet that need, 2) If the need has already been met, provide the contact information and short synopsis of what has/is being done, 3) think of other needs that may be added. The following assignments were given:

Risk Analysis and Prevention – Kim Goodwin

Management – Eric Hanson

Non-established new invaders and established new invaders (Kim Goodwin and Eric Hanson)

Widespread weed infestations (Eric Hanson and others)

Special management zones (Eric Hanson and Justin Juelfs)

Restoration and Reclamation – Dave Burch will ask Monica Pokorny to join the committee and fill this spot. Joe Weigand will act as interim contact.

Inventory, Monitoring, and Evaluation – Kenny Keever

Research – Jerry Marks

Dave Burch/Kim Goodwin will be looking at getting the committee electronic copies of the latest version of the MT Weed Plan by CD or via the internet. This should be resolved by June 6th.

Assignments will be submitted to Kenny Keever by June 30th for compilation and redistribution to the committee members. The next conf. call will be scheduled for July 7th at 10:00AM. Kenny Keever will provide the conf. bridge information before the call.