

AZ-NM Noxious Weeds Stakeholder Follow-up Planning Meeting
April 8, 2009
Lordsburg, New Mexico

Present: Christy Rubio, Larry Howery, Al Fournier, Kim McReynolds, Ralph Pope, David Ogilvie, Les Owen, Jim Tomerlin, John O'Loughlin, Pete Walden, Alayna Sandford, Eddie Foster, Robert Alexander, Richard Lunt, David Ramirez, Wilma Renken, Dave Arthun, Bruce Call, Rich Olson, Gary McRae, Kara Escarciga

Mapping Discussion

John O'Loughlin and Les Owen spoke about the state noxious weed mapping program in New Mexico. They did not see any reason that infestations in southeastern Arizona could not be added. Les will check to make sure they have files for southeastern Arizona. We need to keep it simple. Eddie and Kim will get with John for any meta data that needs to be collected and Arizona will follow the protocol that New Mexico uses. The mapping information will eventually be housed on the internet.

General Funding Opportunities

Al Fournier discussed a couple of opportunities. The Western IPM Center has funds available for regional working groups. "These work groups must enhance communication and collaborations within the region for the IPM topic area addressed by the work group. A work group could also coordinate efforts to develop proposals for funding to address critical issues within the West." The group agreed that we should submit a proposal for this and have an annual meeting in December. There is also a grant program through the Western IPM Center that targets research and/or extension activities. We will look at that proposal more closely and select one or more of our action items to develop a proposal. Both will be due sometime this summer. Rich Olson told the group that both the Black Range and Coronado RC&D's adopted this coordinated weed project and so there could be some help available from the coordinators to assist in grant writing.

MOU

New Mexico has a good model to follow in developing a MOU for New Mexico and Arizona. John will get a copy to Brian McGrew.

The rest of the meeting was spent further developing the action plans.