

Noxious Weeds Conference Call, 3/19/09

Present: Bruce Munda, John O'Loughlin, Jennifer Varin, Holly Jones, Larry Howery, Al Fournier, Kim McReynolds, Gary McRae, Jim Tomerlin, Kara Escarciga, Richard Lunt

- Reviewed notes from December meeting. Education, Research and Funding were all high priority topics from the meeting.
- Discussed the need to finish and flesh out the action plans that were begun in December. This will be the focus of the April 8th meeting in Lordsburg. We need to also identify people to work on the different focus areas. Be thinking of those who are not involved, but need to be part of our group.
- Deadlines for current stakeholder grant: Final plan due 4/30/09; Final report due 6/1/09.
- Western IPM Center RFA's should come out in June to fund working groups. Al is willing to help write a proposal, but he will need help on the technical side of things with noxious weeds. Kim may be getting a VISTA volunteer to work for a year on noxious weeds. We could put in for some funds for operations with the IPM working group proposal. This volunteer could help with coordination and projects such as getting the rapid response teams up and going.
- New Mexico mapping project - SEAZWMA is interested in joining with New Mexico in the mapping project. It would be to our advantage to know where weed infestations are on both sides of the state line. John will check with a couple of New Mexico people working on the project and give us an update. Both of the RC&D's are supportive of this.
- The new Ning site is being used by people. BLM is not able to get on. They are talking to their technology people to see if they will allow access to the site.
- April 8th meeting, Hidalgo County Complex Conference Room, 524 E DeMoss Street, Lordsburg, 10 a.m. (NM), 9 a.m. (AZ). Agenda is to complete the action plans.