



Yellow Starthistle



Russian Knapweed



Sweet Resinbush



African Rue



Malta Starthistle

Southeastern Arizona - Southwestern New Mexico Noxious Weeds Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Discovery Park, 1651 W. Discovery Park Blvd.
Safford, Arizona

The spread of noxious and invasive weeds on public, state trust and private lands in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico continues to be cause of great economic and environmental concern. While many federal and state agencies are involved, there is currently no fully coordinated, stakeholder informed plan for addressing these issues. **We have organized a one-day workshop to identify stakeholder needs and solicit input on the development of a strategic plan to address noxious weeds issues in southeastern Arizona and southwestern New Mexico.** The strategic plan, developed by the Southeastern Arizona Weed Management Area, Southwestern New Mexico Weed Management Area, and partners will serve as a guide for prioritizing noxious weed control efforts, coordinating communication and sharing of information among agencies and landowners, and will be a useful citation of stakeholder priorities to support future grant applications.

An effective strategic plan will depend on a diverse mix of input from individual landowners and representatives of county government, state agencies (Land Departments, Wildlife, Departments of Transportation, Departments of Agriculture, Conservation Districts, etc.), federal agencies (NRCS, FS, BLM, APHIS, USFWS, etc.) and universities. ***We need your input!***

A grant from the Western Integrated Pest Management Center enables us to provide the following:

- the workshop is free of charge,
- reimbursement for travel expenses is available for those who need assistance in order to attend, and
- lunch will be provided as part of the workshop.

Help be part of the solution to the noxious weed problem in our area! Attend the Southeastern Arizona - Southwestern New Mexico Noxious Weeds Stakeholder Meeting.

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- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 9:45 a.m. Arizona Pest Management Center: Identifying and Addressing Needs
- *Al Fournier, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension*
- 10:05 a.m. Arizona Noxious Weed Program
- *Brian McGrew, Arizona Department of Agriculture*
- 10:25 a.m. New Mexico Noxious Weed Program
- *Christy Rubio, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service*
- 10:45 a.m. Overview of Southeastern Arizona Weed Management Area and Species of Concern
- *Kim McReynolds, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension*
- 11:05 a.m. Overview of Southwestern New Mexico Cooperative Weed Management Area and Species of Concern
- *John O'Loughlin, Noxious Weed Coordinator*
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Session - *Priority Setting (research, education, implementation/control), communication, action plan*
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Sponsored by: Southeastern Arizona Weed Management Area
Southwestern New Mexico Weed Management Area
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There is no fee for the workshop. However, **please RSVP** by sending in the registration slip below or by emailing the information to Kim McReynolds at kimm@cals.arizona.edu. **To help us in plan for handouts and lunch, please respond by December 10th.**

Noxious Weed Stakeholder Meeting Registration (12/17/2008)

Name(s): _____

Representing: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please return to Kim McReynolds by December 10th at Cochise County Cooperative Extension, 450 S. Haskell Ave., Willcox, AZ 85643. I am interested in travel reimbursement. ☐ (Check box if yes.)



Directions (We will be meeting in the Ranch House below the mesa.)

From Phoenix - Travel east on US Hwy 60. Drive through Superior and Miami. At Globe, continue on 60 (which actually turns into Hwy 70 at this point). Continue through Pima, Thatcher and into Safford. Take a right at the traffic signal at Hwy 191 (also known as 1st Ave.). Continue south and turn right at Discovery Park/Old Solomon Hwy (traffic light just north of the Graham County Fair Grounds). Follow the signs to Discovery Park.

From Tucson - Travel east on I-10. About 12 miles past the last Willcox exit, take the US 191 exit north. Continue north on 191 until you reach Safford. Turn left at the first traffic light, Discovery Park Blvd. Follow the signs to Discovery Park.

From New Mexico - Two Choices

1. Travel west on I-10, past San Simon and Bowie. Then follow the directions for the turn off to Safford, Hwy 191 (from Tucson).
2. Travel west on I-10, exit at Lordsburg on US 70 to Duncan and Safford. Continue through Duncan and into Safford. Take a left at the traffic signal at Hwy 191 (also known as 1st Ave.). Continue south and turn right at Discovery Park/Old Solomon Hwy (traffic light just north of the Graham County Fair Grounds). Follow the signs to Discovery Park.