

**Report: Noxious, Invasive Plant Working Group**

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The overall goal of the Noxious, Invasive Plant Working Group's was to enhance communication and coordination among between specialists and agents about noxious weed issues in Arizona. Two Cooperative Weed Management Areas (Kim's and Ed's) were selected as pilots to share information about weed management strategies and tactics over the next year. The following specific objectives were discussed by the Working Group during 2 in-service meetings and via email communication throughout the funding period:

1. Develop a "strategic plan" with tactics and strategies that provide guidance for how Cooperative Extension and partner organizations will deal with noxious weed issues within and among Arizona's CWMAs and how to address these weeds in areas not covered by CWMAs. The strategic plan was to take into account the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Invasive Species prevention and management.
2. Develop a logic model for statewide noxious, invasive weed programming.
3. Develop peer-reviewed fact sheets on key noxious, invasive weeds and issues.

Items 1 and 2 were completed and are posted on the Arizona Pest Management Center's web site <http://cals.arizona.edu/apmc>. Item 3 was not completed during this funding period.