

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest 2014 Invasive Species Accomplishments

Partnerships, public involvement, prevention, and control work were emphasis areas for the CNNF invasive species program in 2014. Almost 1500 infested acres were treated, partnerships increased public involvement, and prevention practices took center stage.

Public Involvement

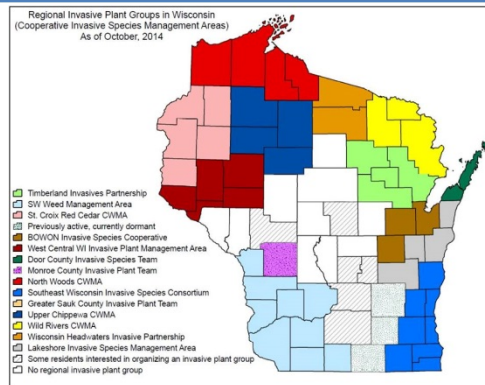
- Participated in a conservation education day at White Lake school with presentations on Emerald Ash Borer and invasive earthworms.
- On National Public Lands Day the CNNF co-sponsored several hands-on invasive species control events.

A local parade or a county fair is a great opportunity to increase public awareness about invasive species



"Milfoil Man" makes an appearance at an Invasive Species Kid's Activity Day

Posters with this image alerted blueberry pickers in the Moquah Barrens to the presence of spotted knapweed in the area.



Partnerships

- The CNNF effort to help establish Cooperative Weed Management Areas across the Forest is reaping tremendous dividends as each group is doing excellent work.
- Through GLRI grants the Timberland Invasives Partnership hired their first coordinator, the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area operated boat wash stations, and the Wisconsin River Headwaters Invasive Species Coalition employed a rapid response crew.
- We partnered with the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Youth Conservation Crew, providing valuable invasive education while treating NNIS sites

PREVENTION PRACTICES

Invasive Species BMPs for Recreation

A GLRI-funded outreach project **emphasized** Invasive Species BMPs for recreation in the Lake Superior Watershed.

- Printed and posted 300 trail information signs with partners in Play Clean Go. Worked with WI DNR Hunter Safety Program to get NNIS BMP information into student education materials.
- Designed information brochures and posters for specific to each recreation user groups, including blueberry pickers, campers, hikers, bikers, birders, ATV riders, anglers, and hunters.
- Installed boot brushes and signs at numerous trailheads and surveyed numerous developed recreation sites.

NNIS Inventory and Control Work

The day to day work of managing invasive species is tough work, but our seasonal invasive species summer crews managed to do exceptional work. Some of the highlights include:

- Treated spotted knapweed, tansy, and leafy spurge in the Moquah Barrens and nearby habitats.
- 62 acres of NNIS treated at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center (NGLVC) as part of the Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership (LSLRP). Efforts focused on Canada thistle, common buckthorn, glossy buckthorn, and honeysuckle control work.
- 26 gravel pits treated
- Treated all known garlic mustard infestations.
- Utilized stewardship funds to contract for garlic mustard treatment in the Butternut Lake area.
- Continued partnership with the Wisconsin DNR to remove wild parsnip from a large wildlife opening.
- Worked with the Northwoods CWMA on invasive plant control on Madeline Island, in the Bayfield area, and at Copper Falls State Park
- Worked cooperatively with WDNR surveying and creating a strategy to eradicate glossy buckthorn from the DNR Upper White River Fishery Area (adjacent to and impacting the Rainbow Lake Wilderness)

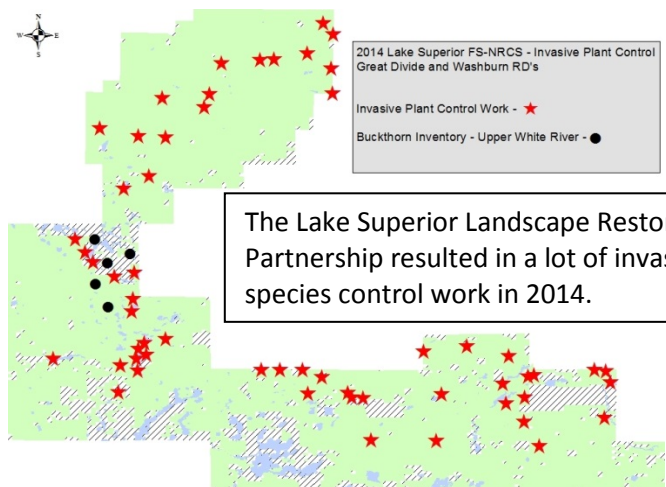


Park Falls Boy Scout Troop work on buckthorn at Tuscobia County Park, Price County.

Forest Pests:

Oak wilt treatments occurred on the Lakewood-Laona District, with over 2400 oaks treated on 48 acres. Over 2,000 acres were surveyed and monitored.

West Zone Biological Technicians Mike McNelly and Joey Eucolono treating common tansy and Canada thistle in the Upper Brunsweler River Watershed



The Lake Superior Landscape Restoration Partnership resulted in a lot of invasive species control work in 2014.

CNNF Invasive Species Treatments

Fund Code	Acres Treated	Number of Treatments
CWKV	172	199
NFVW	926	327
NFND	57	3
SRS2	9	9
SSCC	205	36
NFRW	4	2
NFXF	36	2
NFWF	22	11
SPFH	48	1 (2400 oaks)
Total	1487	590

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