

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest 2013 Invasive Species Accomplishments

Partnerships, public involvement, prevention, and control work were emphasis areas for the CNNF invasive species program in 2013. Almost 1500 infested acres were treated, partnerships increased public involvement, and prevention practices took center stage.

Public Involvement

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



Partnerships

100% of the Forest is covered by a CWMA!

- All five of the cooperative weed management areas (CWMA) covering the CNNF did a tremendous job engaging the public, reaching out to private landowners, and thinking of innovative ways to prevent the spread of invasive species.
- GLRI funds were utilized for portable boat washing stations, operated by the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition and the Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area.

PREVENTION PRACTICES



Boot Brushes and signs were installed at seven trailheads

National Public Lands Day

The Forest co-sponsored several hands-on invasive species control events for National Public Lands Day:



Students from Northland College enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center while cutting buckthorn for National Public Lands Day

Invasive Species BMPs

A GLRI-funded outreach project **emphasized** Invasive Species BMPs for recreation. Thirteen different products were created (brochures, flyers, and cards) and 3,000 contacts were made at 24 events. Recreational users groups that were targeted include campers, hikers, bikers, birders, ATV riders, anglers, and hunters.

BMP Monitoring

Closed timber sales were monitored for post-sale NNIS infestations as part of an effort to monitor implementation and effectiveness of prevention practices, such as equipment cleaning.

Roadside Inventory and Management

Ten local town and county road crews have partnered with the NCWMA in an effort to manage invasive plants on their roadsides. Using funding from the CNNF Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), two interns inventoried nearly 1,000 miles of roadsides. They found 23 different types of invasive plants, and over 9,000 individual patches. The NCWMA put together a management plan for each of the ten municipal road crews.



Municipal road crews are now incorporating invasive species management into their road maintenance program

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.

- Japanese hedge-parsley (*Torilis japonica*) was discovered on the CNNF by an alert seasonal employee. This is the first occurrence of this species in northern Wisconsin.
- 28 gravel pits were treated for NNIS, helping to prevent the spread of spotted knapweed along roadsides.
- All NNIS crew members became DATCP certified herbicide applicators.
- We joined forces with the Lac Courte Oreilles Youth Conservation Crew, providing valuable invasive education while treating NNIS sites.
- Crews on the Great Divide District surveyed 17 developed recreation sites, over 20 trailheads, approximately 8 miles of hiking trail (NCT within Porcupine Wilderness, Morgan Falls/St Peters Dome, and Black Lake trails), and over 10 miles of ATV trail for NNIS infestation as part of an early detection effort.
- 50 river miles of the West and East Fork Chippewa River within the Great Divide RD were surveyed for NNIS.



A volunteer helps control giant knotweed in Bayfield, Wisconsin.



Leave no trace...of garlic mustard!

CNNF Invasive Species Treatments		
Fund Code	Acres Treated	
CWKV	189	
NFWW	854	\$249,406
NFMG	5	
SSCC	390	
NFRW	10	
Total	1448	

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