

Accomplishments – 2007

Information clearinghouse

- Updated a **web site clearinghouse** with comprehensive information about invasive plants in western North America, including weed profiles, searchable databases, educational curricula, grants and other resources available to weed management areas.
- **Expanded CIPM website** to include information about the Farm Bill, the Missouri River Coalition, online learning modules, and proceedings of the western regional Tamarisk Conference.
- Documented almost **1 million hits** on the CIPM website in 2007 (averaging more than 2,500 hits/day, 679 page views, 525 visitor sessions/day).
- Responded to **daily requests** from people nationwide for weed-related information and resources, as well as to post information such as job openings on the CIPM website.
- CIPM staff were invited to speak at and/or participate in **meetings** in Helena and Livingston, MT; Washington, DC; Casper, Thermopolis, Jackson, and Cody, WY; Portland, OR; Moscow, ID; Spearfish, SD; Miami, FL; Sacramento, CA; Vancouver, BC; Beltsville, MD; Grand Junction, CO; and Las Vegas and Reno, NV.

Creating products and tools for land managers

- Created **online learning modules** for volunteers of the US Fish & Wildlife Service – National Wildlife Refuge System. Modules are accessible to the public through the web.
- Updated content and design of CIPM's popular **online textbook** and created a printable .pdf version.
- Distributed approximately 1,350 life-sized **plastic weed models** of four of the most troublesome weed species in the West. Educators, land managers, and weed management area coordinators from throughout the U.S. and Canada have ordered this product for outreach activities and conference displays.
- Continued production of an **additional four species of weed models** (purple loosestrife, garlic mustard, saltcedar, perennial pepperweed) at the request of CIPM stakeholders nationally.
- Distributed over 2,550 **weed ID cards**; 185 copies of the CIPM booklet *Invasive Plant Prevention Guidelines*; 2,275 laminated, fold-out, CIPM-designed **weed guides** illustrating plants on the national weed-seed-free forage list; 19 **leafy spurge root rollouts**, and 360 *Inventory and Survey Methods* books.

Building coalitions and fostering cooperation

- Developed and promoted proposal for a collaborative **national network** of invasive plant centers.
- Collaborated with Salish Kootenai College, the University of Montana, and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes on an **interdisciplinary research** project focusing on flowering rush.
- Facilitated a **six-state initiative** (MT, ND, SD, WY, NE, CO) to manage saltcedar along the Missouri River.
- Organized and facilitated session on weed management issues by **nongovernmental organizations** at National Invasive Weed Awareness Week in Washington, DC. Conducted ongoing email discussion to follow up.
- Coordinated process to engage interested parties in developing **national policy papers**.
- Participated on advisory committee for the **National Invasive Species Council** to develop national management plans and recommendations.
- Facilitated creation of **National Coalition for Invasive Plant Advocacy**.

Correlating science and management

- Conducted workshop of scientific experts to develop recommendations for the new **Farm Bill**. Presented results to Senate Agriculture Committee staff in Washington, DC. Posted Farm Bill recommendations online.
- Awarded \$48,595 in Seed Money **research grants** to 10 scientists from New York to California.
- In partnership with the Weed Science Society of America, managed creation and publication of a new, national **peer-reviewed journal** of invasive plant management.
- Requested to organize session on invasive plants for the **International Weed Science Society** meeting in 2008.
- Chaired western regional committee to organize and facilitate a regional, two-day **Knotweed Symposium** in cooperation with the Western Society of Weed Science.
- Served on Board of Directors for western regional **Tamarisk Coalition**.
- Generated \$33,000 in outside funding for CIPM-sponsored **National CWMA Conference** in 2008.