

Accomplishments – 2004

- Developed an **online distance-learning course** in ecologically-based invasive plant management for professional land managers. Instructors from four western universities developed a curriculum that offers a process for prioritizing management strategies. The course will be offered in January 2005.
- Awarded \$109,218 in competitive grants for **ecological weed management research** in the categories of Seed Money, Information Synthesis and Assessment, and Innovations in Early Detection. The 11 grantees were located in California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The CIPM Science Advisory Council – four scientists from California, Oregon, and New Mexico – served as the grant panel.
- Awarded \$121,660 in competitive grants for **on-the-ground weed management** through Cooperative Weed Management Areas. Twenty-five grants were awarded to local weed efforts in 11 western states, leveraging community and other funds at a rate of more than 5:1.
- Established cooperative **restoration projects** for invasive plant-dominated lands in Montana, Oregon, and Nevada. Cooperators include tribes, county weed districts, Extension, state and federal agencies, conservation groups, and local landowners.
- Coordinated four-state effort to develop an **inventory and mapping guide** for land managers. Publication is expected in 2005.
- Redesigned and updated an **interactive web site** 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, and information about invasive plants and restoration.
- **Received grants** from USDA-CSREES and the National Park Service for collecting restoration case study information and conducting a restoration planning workshop, respectively.
- Under a cooperative agreement with USDA-ARS, helped conduct an **international workshop**, *Science and Decision-Making in Biological Control of Weeds*.
- Distributed approximately 9,000 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 boxes of the “fake weeds” for outreach activities and conference displays.
- Publishing projects completed in 2004:
 - Edited *Biological Control of Invasive Plants in the United States*, a reference book involving 63 authors from federal agencies and universities nationwide. The book is published by Oregon State University Press; royalties support the Western Society of Weed Science.
 - Designed and printed 10,000 **weed ID cards** for land manager outreach and public education.
 - Reprinted 5,000 laminated, fold-out, CIPM-designed **weed guides** illustrating plants on the national weed-seed-free forage list and other noxious weeds. Ten-thousand were distributed in 2003; due to high demand, the publisher has added this brochure to its national catalog.
 - Reprinted 2,000 copies of the CIPM booklet *Invasive Plant Prevention Guidelines*; 2,500 copies have been distributed nationwide since 2003.
 - Edited *Invasive Plants of Range and Wildlands and Their Economic, Ecological, and Societal Impacts*, in cooperation with the Weed Science Society of America and Dow AgroSciences. Publication and national distribution is expected in 2005.
- Invited to speak/participate at regional/national conferences in Washington, DC; Billings and Helena, MT; Denver and Colorado Springs, CO; Lewiston and Nampa, ID; Minneapolis, MN; Victoria, BC; Las Vegas, NV; Corvallis and Hell’s Canyon, OR; Ventura, CA; Cody and Old Faithful, WY; Salt Lake City, UT; Okanagon, WA.