

Lake Tahoe Basin Weed Coordinating Group

Steering Committee Meeting Notes

September 27th, 2007

USFS Tahoe Basin Management Unit South Lake Tahoe, CA

Attending: Sue Donaldson, UNCE; Jenny Francis, Invasive Weeds Coordinator/TRCD; Nicole Cartwright, Americorps/TRCD; Alyssa Shook, Americorps/TRCD; Nancy Lozano, CA State Parks; Rita Whitney, TRPA; Jason Brand, NTCD; Jane Schmidt, NRCS; Keith Kohler, Placer County Ag Dept.; Valerie Van Way, CA State Lands Commission; Wendy West, UCCE; Cecilia Reed, USFS-LTBMU, NV rep and Ca. rep; Robert Cummings, CTC; MJ Cross, Incline Village Volunteer/Master Gardner; Analiese Miller, UNCE; Larry Hughes, Douglas County rep.; LeeAnne Mila, El Dorado County Ag.

Next Meeting

December 6, 2007

10am-1pm LTBWCG

2pm-5pm Aquatic Invasive Species working group

1. Introductions –Round robin

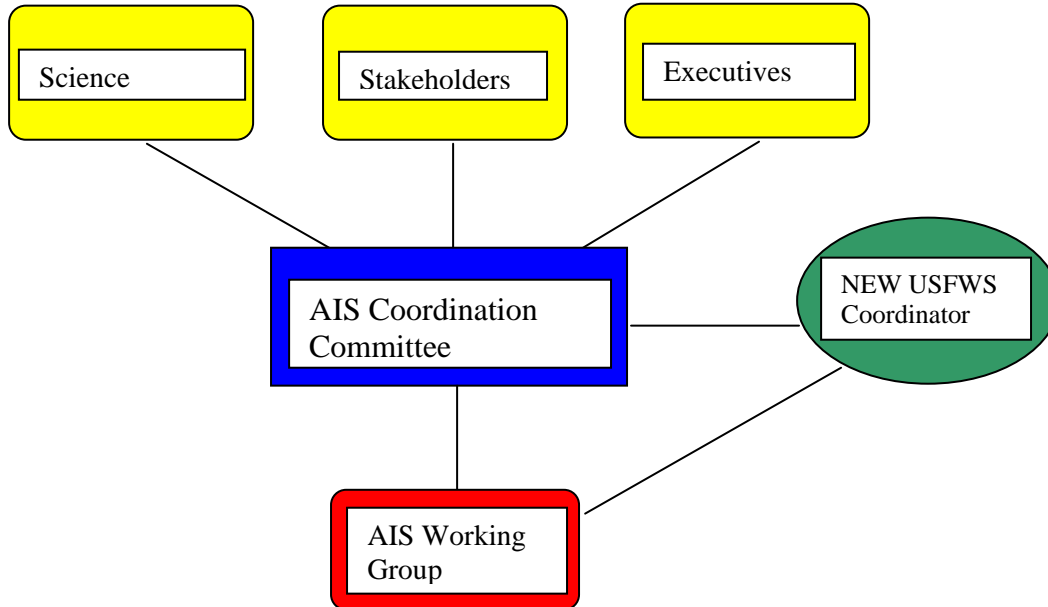
2. Group Leadership-

- Sue Donaldson will be stepping down as chair for the group due to a new national nomination. Wendy West will step up as new chair, taking responsibility for group coordination and facilitation. Sue will still be involved in the group as a partner agency.
- Group believes that we have all the on-the-ground organizations but we need to connect with more executive levels in the Basin, like the Tahoe Yellow Cress Group. Executives in groups/agencies like CTC, FS, TRPA, Cal Fish and Game, etc. Jenny says that the AIS working group is starting to do that. We don't want to carry a perception of "everything is good!" because we might lose interest from community.

ACTIONS: Wendy will plan Annual Report Presentations with Executives for 2007 reports. Jenny will cc Zach Hymnason's (Tahoe Science Consortium) letter to LTBWCG members.

3. AIS update-

- U.S. Army Corps grant of \$1.3 million is getting signed on Tuesday. Grant will be issued through CTC and Army Corps. The AIS Integrated Management Plan will be written soon by new coordinator (see diagram below). TRCD will be taking the lead on watercraft inspections, trainings, and outreach and education. TRPA is taking the lead on boat washes and the boat inspection program plan.



** New coordinator will work directly with both AIS Coordination Committee and AIS working group. Jenny or new coordinator will be coordinator for working group.

4. Control Efforts from Summer 2007

- Leeanne and crew- still working, coordinated with Keith to do Placer County work, yellow toadflax was a battle this summer—going to try and get it rated as a noxious weed by CDFA this winter. Hybridizing very easily with Dalmatian.
ACTION: Organize a snapdragon trade for toadflax next spring/summer (like the scotch broom trade done in previous year).
- Larry- Fewer sites treated this year, perennial pepperweed had been pulled in some areas before it could be treated. If ANYONE finds one plant or plants about to seed, cut off top to buy time and let Larry know about the site.
ACTION: TRCD, NRCS and LARRY: Will write Weed Management Plan for Glenbrook to eradicate spotted knapweed. Third Creek and exercise course might be NV State Lands and there could be money for those projects; also look into the Rosewood EIP projects – Larry and Jason/NTCD will follow up.
ACTION: Have maps ready by December meeting; partners should get all 2007 mapping data to Leanne by NOVEMBER.

5. MOU Renewal – 2008

- Sue asked the group to review the current MOU before December meeting in anticipation of renewing the NOU in 2008:
 1. If not a signer on the original MOU, please find out why your organization would not sign it and identify language that might be incorporated to allow signing the 2008 renewal.
 2. Additional partners will be identified and contacted in December (PUD's, GID's, etc)

ACTION: Email/submit all new MOU language changes to Wendy by NOVEMBER 15th. Sue will email updated list of organizations that have already signed to Wendy.

6. Update on projects and funding needs

- Funding needed to treat infestation on private lands especially on the NV side.
- SNPLMA- NRCS still has Round 7 funds. Round 8 funds have been approved for \$100,000. Flexible grant, (may be used for lake front too) Round 9 will be coming up soon. LTBWCG will need to prepare project proposals for upcoming funding discussions.
- NRCS can grow specific plants to give to homeowners as replacement for invasive weeds, for example, toadflax swap.

ACTION: CC grant opportunities to Jenny.

ACTION: Jane will email Wendy SNPLMA Round 7 and 8 applications. Subcommittee will write proposals -- end of October or first week of November. (Wendy will set up a meeting)

7. Priority Weed List and Educational Materials

- Sue distributed the current Priority Weed list; the group will discuss, update and add text descriptions at the December meeting.
- Green Book update:
 - Milfoil- Lars will assist in deciding which native look-alikes to include
 - Expand all descriptions to include control (NOTE: control recommendations are already included)
 - Sulfur cinquefoil- add palmate leaf look-a-like and disclaimer about others
- Need - make one sheet documents for each species for use with private landowners

ACTION: EVERYONE: bring thoughts, concerns, and ideas about weed list to next meeting. Get website finished for book, contact info and email.

8. Angora Fire

- Several agencies currently doing surveys and hand pulling; ALL AGENCIES will need to work together in control/eradication efforts.
- Bull thistle, oxeye, Dalmatian and perennial pepperweed are big concerns

ACTION: For December meeting, draft an Integrated Invasive Weed Plan to outline what all partners are doing to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive weeds, identify any holes and funding needs.

9. Trainings and Weed Tour 2007

- California Invasive Plant Council Tour/Training: Late May 2008:
 - Day 1: Control Methods
 - Day 2: Specific Weeds

ACTION: Come up with list of priority weeds to be covered in training.

- Weed Tour 2007; 5 stations, 39 registered, 31 attendees; received good feedback and suggestions for next year.

- 2008 AIS trainings: watercraft inspection training, rapid response training and smaller Aquatic workshop.

10. Upcoming Events

- Events around the Basin: Forest Stewardship Day(Sept. 30th), Fire Fest(Oct 6th), Kokanee Fest (Oct. 6th), Forest after the Fire Workshop (Nov 3rd)

ACTION: Have outreach and education 2007 stats ready for Annual Report by Dec. meeting.