

INVENTORY OF WASHINGTON CRM/CWMA GROUPS

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GROUP NAME: Saltcedar Task Force

YEAR FORMED: 1994

REGION: Statewide, with a focus on the Central Basin area of Washington, White Bluffs, wildland areas

COUNTIES: Grant, Benton, Adams, Franklin,

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SIZE (Acres): ~ 800 acres, with a potential to spread to 75,000 acres in the arid central basin region

LANDOWNERS (to include estimates of acres or percentage of managed lands):
Private, USFWL, WDFW, Department of Energy (Hanford Monument)

OTHER PARTICIPANTS, STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS:

The task force started with members from WSDA, State Weed Board, Weed Boards of Franklin, Grant, Benton, and Adams Counties, US Bureau of Reclamation, USFWL, US Department of Energy. Other participants now include Weed Districts, South Columbia Basin Irrigation District, USDA-APHIS (bio controls), State Biological Control Program.

NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES: Saltcedar

STATUS OF PLAN (Please underline your choices):

<u>No plan</u>	<u>Help needed</u>	In Process	Not Written
Written	<u>Implemented and functioning</u>		Completed

CWMA STATUS: (Please underline your choices).

Brand new group, potential new group, or resurrected group.

Mission accomplished and disbanded.

Unable to overcome obstacles, disbanded.

Reason?

Plans to regroup?

Self-sufficient and functioning for foreseeable future.

Some need for assistance, or resources need as indicated below.

Moderate need for assistance, as indicated below.

Immediate or major need for assistance or additional resources.

ASSISTANCE OR RESOURCES NEEDED:

Implementation Needs: USFWL needs funding for control projects

Facilitation Needs:

Technical Needs:

Administrative Needs:

Help to Develop or Produce a Written Plan:

2008 MEETINGS:

COMMENTS:

USFWL needs money for on the ground control, and they need time/staff to develop a plan for prioritized control. They have identified 10 areas, each with a separate strategy. They did lose 3 out of 4 sample sites to fire in 2007. The fire impacted or destroyed the biocontrol release areas and insectories. USFWL plans to rehab 2 sites, sample one site.

Task Force Goals:

Identify grants or funding sources.

Develop and implement a strategy for control on private lands.

Look into a tree replacement program for ornamentals in the central basin area – re:Franklin Co. has a tree buy-back program.

Need better inventory, maps.

Biological release program will continue as one component of control. USDA-APHIS plans to release more and maintain three insectories and the White Bluffs area.

Consensus at the last meeting (8/07) was for eradication as the goal. Continue to survey and eradicate the outliers to contain the spread. This is working. There are a lot of landowners downwind of the big USFWL site that do not want saltcedar to spread.

Change the listing status in WAC 16-750, remove the 'grandfather' clause. Require control.