

## INVENTORY OF WASHINGTON CRM/CWMA GROUPS

February 6, 2008

**GROUP NAME:** Southeast Washington CWMA

**YEAR FORMED:** 2007

**REGION:** Two mile buffer each side of the Snake and Palouse Rivers.

**COUNTIES:** Asotin, Garfield, Columbia, Walla Walla, Benton, Franklin, Whitman, possibly Adams.

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**SIZE (Acres):** VERY LARGE

**LANDOWNERS** (to include estimates of acres or percentage of managed lands):  
Private 60% and Public 40% just a guess.

### **OTHER PARTICIPANTS, STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS:**

Interest in the project has been from many different agencies.  
Counties --- Weed Control Boards, Conservation Districts, Road Dept.,  
Feds & State --- USDA-FSA, NRCS, Corp of Engineers, Parks, Fish & Wildlife,  
Ports, WSU Extension, BLM, National Forest, WA DOT.

**NATURAL RESOURCE ISSUES:** Primarily Noxious Weed Control across county and judicial lines, with a focus on yellow starthistle, followed by diffuse knapweed, Dalmatian toadflax in higher rain areas and rush skeletonweed.

### **STATUS OF PLAN** (Please underline your choices):

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

A primary focus for these first meetings is to come up with a strategy and some goals. We feel like we have to be able to measure this, to start 'here' and get a result.

### **CWMA STATUS:** (Please underline or circle 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: Funding, we have no funding. None. We need to come up with a little bit of funding to keep everyone at the table, to keep this going. We may be able to come up with specifics at the Feb 15 meeting.

Facilitation Needs:

Technical Needs: Inventories, unified approach to mapping, GPS, funds to do application, need equipment to be able to share on a large scale area

Administrative Needs:

Help to Develop or Produce a Written Plan: May need some facilitation to figure out how to reach goals after they are identified; grants – where are they, how to get them; training on how to approach Dow Chemical or similar organizations or individuals to solicit for funds.

**2008 MEETINGS:** February 15, 2008. At this meeting we will set our dates for 2008 at quarterly intervals, with options for additional meetings if deemed necessary.

## **COMMENTS:**

We are in the start up stage of this CWMA and are very excited about the response at this point. Our informational meeting held October of 2007 had a tremendous turn out from all of the agencies and groups mentioned before. All attendees gave positive feedback as to how this group could be of benefit to their individual cause.

We picked this watershed area because it involves so many different agencies – so they interact.

One of the best results of this project to date has been the cooperative efforts brought forth by each county involved. Working together has not been one of our strengths, but this has brought us all to the table and created a sense of purpose.

Two schools of thoughts on tackling such a widespread weed like yellow starthistle. The distribution is so large how do we address this weed and make it a viable program. 1 thought - lets get this up and rolling and see where it goes. 2 – let's get it up and running but let's show that we are actually accomplishing something/anything. The worry is that if yellows starthistle is the focus weed, we will not be able to show any success. (Vic feels that progress can be shown along the corridors, with the hope that this success will spread to the rest of the county).

Funding – one issue is the cost because of so many acres of land with low value land. The new Milestone© attacks these focus weeds, showing good results. If this product can be applied right now, they could cover a magnitude of problems.

Another issue – there are a few people/landowners that own lots of land. ('You're picking on me', or 'I don't want this weed on my land, stop it from crossing (whatever barrier that has kept it from crossing into their property till now).

Education – use groups like Back County Horsemen – have them id weeds, educate them, let them educate others. Weed free forage.

Would like a list of the CWMA's that are in operation, with the contact information, for communication between groups that are forming, and groups already working. Would like to find someone with a similar philosophy, find out what works for them, how they got funding, how they did projects.

The best thing about this is that all these weed boards are talking with each other.