

Invasive Species: Next Steps

Joint Working Group and Science Coordination Group Meeting

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Background

At the October 2010 Task Force meeting the following recommendations were approved.



Recommendations

- Promote federal prevention initiatives
 - Establish Everglades Early Detection/Rapid Response (EDRR) Coordinator and dedicated EDRR funding
 - Coordinate development of cross-cut budget
 - Promote continued improvements to coordination
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Promote National Screening

- Why –
 - It's the most cost effective and certain way to prevent invasive exotic problems from getting out of hand, “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”
 - What –
 - The Non-native Wildlife Invasive Prevention Act
 - Refine assessment tools
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Enhance EDRR Capabilities

- Why –
 - It's the second most cost effective and certain way to prevent invasive exotic problems from getting out of hand.
 - What -
 - A dedicated federal EDRR position for animals to complement on-going efforts
 - Dedicated interagency funding to implement EDRR
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Develop a Cross-Cut Budget

- Why –
 - Without knowing collectively how much and where we're spending, it's hard to define what's needed to sustain success
 - What -
 - A coordinated cross-cut budget for south Florida invasive exotics
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Enhance Coordination

- Why –
 - To build on the successes of previous interagency coordination
 - Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA)
 - Noxious and Exotic Weed Task Team (NEWTT)
 - Florida Invasive Animal Task Team (FIATT)
 - Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC)
 - What-
 - Formally develop a framework for regional comprehensive invasive species management
 - Frontload compliance for EDRR
 - Improve resource sharing capabilities
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Questions
