



Healthy Habitats Coalition

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"HHC promotes conservation of the nation's natural resources and economic interests by promoting efficient management of invasive species to curtail the associated harm. Through state and federal leadership, HHC seeks legislation and appropriations that improve private, local, state, and federal land managers on-the-ground control efforts."

CRITICAL ASKs TO JUMP START CONTROL PROGRAMS

Goal: Improve control & management of invasive species on dispersal corridors.

ASK 1: Over five years, Federal land managers shall increase on-the-ground control obligation by five-fold and decrease current infested acres by 25%.

ASK 2: Federal agencies shall provide the states pass through funds assessed at 25 cents on each federally managed acre.

* State(s) submit for money based on a set of measurable criteria.

* The Governor directs funds annually on prioritized targets.

* Attain 70% for on-the-ground control for any invasive taxa.

ASK 3: The FwHA should authorize \$300 per every center line mile of state highway annually.

* Money passes to each state DOT Maintenance Section.

* Improve control, EDRR, prevention or education.

ASK 4: Use legal authorizations to enforce control & management such as using the Federal Noxious Weed Act and Section 2814 passed in 1991.

ASK 5: Each state should develop an invasive species plan with a solid law in collaboration with the appropriate federal agencies. See Idaho & Washington laws.

ASK 6: States should work in regional/national concert to educate the public via media tactics. Cooperation is essential to eliminate redundancy.

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Current Policy Leader Support or Legislation Issues for HHC effort:

WGA Resolution 2010-4 “Combating Invasive Species”.
June 2010. (www.westgov.org) .

NGA . Improve Cooperative Management on Invasive Species.
Effective 2010 – 2012.

NASDA Adoption F (Elevate invasive species issues). Submitted by WASDA.
September 2010.

GAO Report to Executive Agency Officials: INVASIVE SPECIES, Clearer Focus and Greater Commitment Needed to Effectively Manage the Problem.

October 2002.

OIG Report to USFS. Invasive Species Program Review for needed improvement.
September 2010.

Executive Order 13112 (President Clinton, 1999) and the National Invasive Species Council (NISC) Strategy. (www.invasivespecies.gov).

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