

Projects 2016

Working towards managing invasive species – workshop and forum 2016
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Goals of our initiatives:

- Increase awareness
- Educate
- Increase collaboration
- Improved data collection
- Provide opportunities to get involved
- Reduce impact of invasive species
- Promote YISC



Fireweed market

Project based funding

Walk Your Field

Have you seen plants that you don't know what they are?

- Participate in the Walk your Field
- You will receive professional support in identification of weedy plants on your property
- Early detection and rapid response are important in minimizing weeds and invasive plants



Creeping Thistle along an abandoned barn



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Walk Your Field

- Keeping weeds out of properties will maintain purity and quality of crops and fields
- Encourage reporting
- Establish new partnerships
- Funding through Growing

Forward 2



Foxtail barley



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Spotter's Network



- The main focus is on **new invaders** in areas outside of communities.
- Training
- Encourage reporting
- Establish new partnerships
- Over 3 years: 146 persons trained in 22 workshops
- Inline with National Program
- Challenge: Reporting
- Future of the program?



Educational tools
(A. Strutkowski)

Grow me Instead



- Selected 10 species
- Outreach material
- Partnering with the industry
- Providing stickers and hangers
- Establish new partnerships
- Inline with National Program (shared branding)
- Future of the program?



Removing barriers

Yukon Invaders

Help reduce the spread of invasive species in the Yukon

- 11 plants
- 2 mussel
- Outreach material
- Identification guide



This fits in my pocket

Play Clean Go



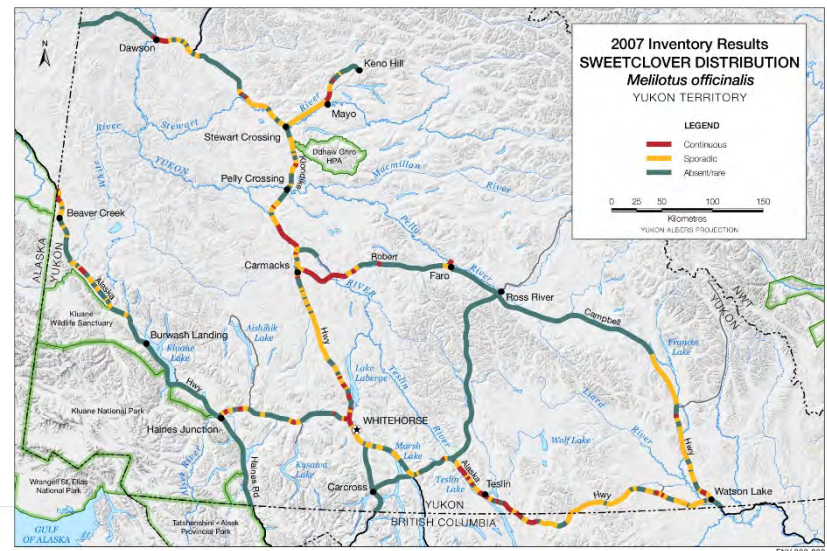
- Education
- Outreach material
- Signage
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Effects of disturbance
in the alpine

Road Side Survey

- Roadways are a prominent vector
- First Yukon-wide inventory 2007 (baseline)
- Repetition in 2016
- IS are identified and mapped
- Management action
- Monitoring over time
- Funding through the YESAA Implementation Fund



Weed Week

- Awareness
- Engaging schools
- Educational material
- Inline with national programs
- Hands-on activities
- Funding?



Weed Pulls

- Awareness
- Community groups and the general public
- Hands-on activities
- Reduce the spread of invasive species
- Building new partnerships



Questions?

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