

Ottawa National Forest

2014 Invasive Species Accomplishments

Control emphasized garlic mustard, Japanese barberry, exotic honeysuckles, glossy buckthorn, Eurasian watermilfoil, purple loosestrife, and Japanese knotweed. Work was accomplished by a seasonal crew, partners, contractors, and volunteers. 55 new invasive plant sites were mapped.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects:

- Provided coordinators for two Cooperative Weed Management Areas (WePIC and KISMA).
- Six portable pressure washers staffed at boat launches across the Western Upper Peninsula. 8,097 people received Clean Boats/Clean Waters education for prevention of aquatic invasive species; 1,021 boats washed.
- New boater education and boat washing agreement with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
- Funding for Wildlife Forever Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers billboards campaign in Michigan.
- Funded new "Lake Hoppers" education campaign by ISCCW.
- Contracted surveys in 27 lakes for AIS.

Title II Resource Advisory Committees (RAC):

Funded five ongoing invasive plant projects:

- The Friends of Sylvania again hired their own seasonal employees to survey and control invasive plants in Sylvania Wilderness.
- The Gogebic Conservation District managed garlic mustard.
- The Langford Lake Association managed Eurasian watermilfoil in Langford Lake.
- The Lake Gogebic Improvement Association worked with Whitewater Associates to manage aquatic plants in Lake Gogebic.
- The USFS awarded a contract for management of Japanese knotweed in Ontonagon County.

Stewardship Contracting:

Clean Kill Invasives continued working on a large honeysuckle infestation in Gogebic County, funded by retained receipts.



Figure 1. More people are helping with invasive plant control, with 11 certified pesticide applicators in 2014.



Figure 2. Public EW milfoil snorkeling event.

Acres of invasive species treated

Fund Code	Funding	Acres	Comments
NFND	\$0	4.9	Partner contributions.
NFVW	\$135,248	816.6	Main program; 2 seasonals
NFXF, NFXN	\$56,786	98.7	Great Lakes Rest. Init. & UPPCO collection agreemt.
SRS2	\$12,238	143.5	Friends of Sylvania RAC
SSCC	\$10,607	51.1	Honeysuckle stewardship
Total	\$214,879	1114.8	

Partners/Cooperators: Gogebic Cons. District, Iron County Cons. District, Upper Peninsula Resource Cons. & Develop. Council, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Invasive Species Control Coal. of Watersmeet, Bergland Township, Friends of Sylvania, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve.

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