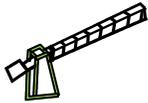


Chequamegon-Nicolet Invasive Plant Strategy

The goals of the Forest Invasive Plant Strategy are to contain and control weed populations and reduce them over time. Invasive plants are considered in all projects and steps are taken to prevent introduction and spread. Our Strategy consists of several program elements:



Prevention The most cost-effective way to contend with weeds is to keep them out in the first place! We utilize *best management practices* for invasives control.

Early Detection – Inventory and Monitoring

We survey areas at high risk for invasion such as trails, roads, campgrounds, and anywhere soil is disturbed; then prioritize where to treat.



Rapid Response – Control and Management

The best control of weeds is to treat them before the patch gets large. Our integrated plan utilizes mechanical, chemical, and biological control methods depending on conditions and plants present.



Information and Education This is a common theme in all of the program elements. We provide education for employees and the public through presentations, brochures, and field guides.

Restoration Establishment of native plant populations is the ultimate goal of all weed management activities. We maintain native plant gardens to harvest local seed for planting.



Leadership, Coordination & Cooperation Since weeds don't respect geo-political boundaries, we combine forces with other agencies, citizens, and groups through Weed Cooperatives.