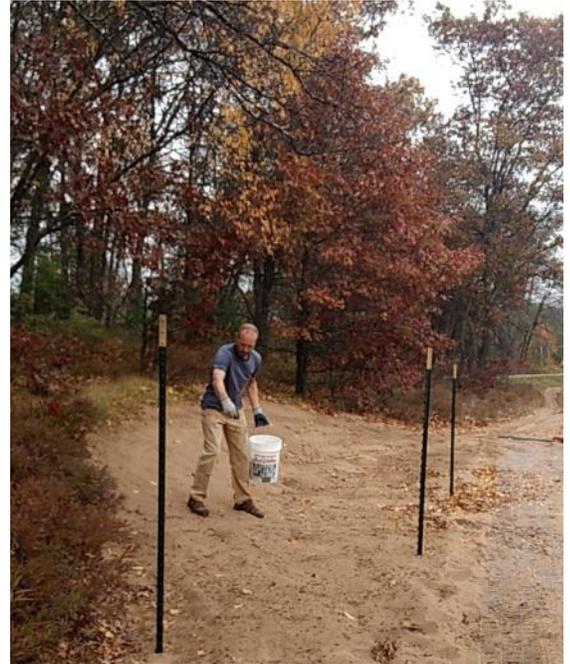




Overview

November started out very eventful for TIP. On the first and second of November TIP attended the Wisconsin AIS Partnership meeting held at UWSP. AIS and CISMA coordinators from around the state came to listen to some dynamic speakers and work closely together on a variety of issues including; data driven decision making for boat wash stations, an AIS response discussion, and a WI AIS Management Plan update. The agenda is available on the TIP website for more information on what was discussed. Then later that same night TIP attended and briefly spoke at public forum regarding invasive species held by the Kretz Lumber Company in Antigo. Attendance for the event was quite good, with over a hundred people turning out. Additionally in November TIP has made progress on an agreement with the Town of Rolling, so look forward to reading more about that later on.



Jeremy Johnson of Menominee County Land Conservation spreading native seed at a restoration spot on Hwy VV for the Feed-a-Bee program.

Educational Outreach

November Reach Review

TIP was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Wisconsin AIS Partnership meeting this month. The event brought in over a hundred people including AIS and CISMA Coordinators from around the state as well as personnel from the Wisconsin DNR. Together we discussed topics such as continuing communication between the DNR, local coordinators and the public after the initial steps of rapid response protocol. Also that same day the Kretz Lumber Company hosted a public forum to engage the community about invasive species. The turn out was great with very few empty chairs in the room. Additionally WAOW news crews were there to cover the event as well. TIP spoke briefly and answered questions as necessary. After the event I received many questions and requests for TIP's contact information.

If you have any interesting invasive species stories you wouldn't mind sharing, contact TIP and we'll see about sharing it!

Inventory & Control

November Review:

November inventory and control efforts focused primarily around buckthorn, honeysuckle, and garlic mustard. TIP worked closely with Menominee County staff Jeremy Johnson and April Arrowood on controlling a dense population of buckthorn and honeysuckle off of Old South Branch Road. The population is quite dense and we plan on doing some more treatments over the winter months. TIP was also able to assist Menominee County with a seed planting project to establish a robust population of native pollinators off of Highway VV East. TIP also performed another road survey of the town of Upham looking for garlic mustard honey suckle and garlic mustard.

Invasive Species Spotlight: Spiny Water Flea

The spiny water flea is a tiny zooplankton which is threatening Wisconsin waters and native fish populations by competing with them for food. Spiny waterfleas feed on other zooplankton that juvenile native fish which would normally consume those resources. Additionally juvenile fish have difficulty eating spiny waterfleas due to the spiny long tail on the animal. Spiny waterflea are also known to produce asexually through parthenogenesis. This allows populations to explode even in the absence of males. Spiny waterfleas are most easily identifiable when they collect in groups on things like fishing line or anchor ropes as the spiny mass which looks more like pond scum than anything else. But these conglomerates of planktonic organisms would do a number on your fishing reel if you unexpectedly wound up into the bale. In fact that unsightly blob is actually made up of several much smaller organisms. Translucent and measuring only 1/2" in length individually spiny waterfleas are not easy to pick out, but are noted for their characteristic long tale spine and dark "eyespot". Ice anglers should take care to inspect and clean their augers, tip-ups, jig poles, depth-finders, and other such fishing equipment to remove all plant or animal materials. Invasive species are not something that traditionally is on the mind of many people this time of year. Since most plants and insects go dormant. But there are several species you should still be aware of as you enjoy the outdoors this winter. Spiny water flea is one of those to be on the watch for. This species was introduced into the Great Lakes by ballast water and is slowly making its way into inland lakes. Luckily there is something you can do about it and its not too late!



Funding & Organizational Development

November Financial Outlook

Financially TIP is doing well, and this month we got some good news. The Town of Rolling is interested in going forward with a contract with TIP to perform inventory and control work in their township. Particularly they would like to see work done on the wild parsnip infestation they have being in the unfortunate position of bordering a county that does nothing to control invasives. Going forward TIP will be applying for more funding through the GLRI program. Pursuing this funding will allow us to support additional staff to help deal with our expanding work load. Costs of maintaining TIP this month are lower than average due to the Thanksgiving holiday, also mileage for this month did not occur under any applicable accounts. Costs are expected to stay low over the winter primarily due to the slow down of there being little field work to do this time of year.

22011	Costs
Labor	3,008.32
Mileage	0
Supplies/ Meeting	0
Total	3,008.32

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

Going forward the coordinators focus will be on compiling field data collected over the season and preparing for the next field season. As well as organizing the annual meeting. Another main area of focus will be seeking out additional grants and arranging for a possible seasonal tech position to assist with field work next season.

Coordinator's Availability

I will be available most days on my regular schedule for the foreseeable future but may have to cut back temporarily in the next couple months. I am always able to schedule appointments though and regular check my office phone line as well as email.

Do you have a mystery plant? Or a suspected invasive species?

TIP and our partners are more than happy to help you identify any mystery plants you have. Just give the TIP Coordinator a call (715-799-5710 ext. 3) or email (timberlandinvasives@outlook.com) with your contact information.



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December

19: LLPRD Annual meeting.

February:

27: TIP Annual Meeting

Check out the TIP Calendar Online at www.timberlandinvasives.org for more events!

How Can You Get Involved?

Action Teams

Action teams are meetings to discuss invasive species issues and plan treatment relevant to the member's area of interest. Who is a member of an Action team? Anyone willing to attend the meetings.

Volunteering

Volunteers help in the manual removal of invasive species from public lands and ditches within the CISMA, and are most welcome! Scheduling is flexible so please contact TIP Coordinator at the information below to establish a date and time you would like to volunteer.

Donations

For monetary donations, please contact Tracy Beckman at (715)369-9886.

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