



Overview

A lot of folks seemed to forget it was January with all of the warm weather we had. The phones of more than one TIP Partner were ringing this month with all sorts of people looking to start various projects. Here's TIP's January highlights.

- Outreach is down a little.
- TIP will be "personalizing" invasive species a little more.
- There's some new research out on Glossy Buckthorn.
- TIP's Vice-Chair has retired.
- TIP was awarded a Lumberjack RC&D Grant.
- Of course, our TIP Annual Meeting is coming soon!



TIP's newest member Oliver Arrowood

Educational Outreach

January Reach Review

Due to the TIP Coordinator's wife giving birth to their firstborn son, outreach was on the low side this January. By the numbers, we reached 1,030 people using 98 coordinator hours. This is about half of the outreach done last January.

Personalizing the Story

TIP's widest reaching post on Facebook this month didn't have anything to do directly with invasive species. It was an announcement of the birth of the TIP Coordinator's child. Some may question relevance in sharing this type of information, but it has been shown that if you personalize things by using emotion, and your own experience you are more likely to get your message out. The general public is very receptive to knowing who you are and how things make you feel.

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

Inventory & Control

January Review

No surprises. January had no activities regarding inventory and control. In February, we hope to work on gaining permissions from private landowners for our garlic mustard inventory in Langlade County.

Invasive Species Spotlight: Glossy Buckthorn

Some new research out of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experimental Station has proven a long-standing belief about Glossy Buckthorn, that it suppresses the growth of valuable timber species. Specifically, the study shows that where Glossy Buckthorn hasn't been treated the density and height of Eastern White Pine, a valuable timber species were lower. While this information might seem intuitive, without research to show it as fact it is hard to make a valid management argument.

Partner Update

Congratulations!

Marie Graupner Retires

TIP's Steering Committee Vice Chair, Marie Graupner officially retired on February 3rd from her position as the Langlade County Conservationist. Marie has served as the Langlade County's first County Conservationist for 26 years and has been involved with TIP since the earliest meetings with the Forest Service in 2012. She has served as TIP's Steering Committee Vice Chair since February 2016. On behalf of TIP, I would like to thank Marie for her years of service to the area, and for all of the guidance and oversight she has provided to help develop TIP into the organization that it is today.

For those that are wondering what Marie will be up to, she *plans* to try to stay active in a few of the many area groups she has been involved with, but there are no guarantees! She also plans on spending lots of time with her husband of 45 years, 3 kids, and 4 grandkids.

When I asked her for any final thoughts, she had these words for us: She has truly enjoyed working with all of the people she has met over the years; And keep up the good work on invasives, not enough people realize the importance of managing them!

P.S. Marie, I'll miss your purple pen, believe it or not!

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.

Funding & Organizational Development

January Financial Review

The cost to coordinate TIP this January were a little below the average month in 2016. This is probably do to the very limited number of activities undertaken this January. As of the end of January TIP has an estimated \$38,900 in available funding for various 2017 and 2018 activities.

Cost	January	Year-to-Date
Labor	\$2,272	\$2,272
Supplies	\$25	\$25
Mileage	\$0	\$0
Total*	\$2,297	\$2,297

* Includes overhead fees.

Lumberjack RC&D Grant Awarded

Once again, the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council has chosen to invest a portion of its grant program dollars in TIP. These dollars are an extremely meaningful investment as they are the only funding TIP has available to do general coordination activities. Without these dollars, TIP quickly be force to become a project based organization that was unable to assist and interact with partners and the general public.

TIP's Annual Meeting is February 28th!

Don't forget to register ahead if you want to attend TIP's Annual Meeting. It is very helpful to know how much FREE food we should bring.

Resister by contacting the TIP Coordinator at timberlandinvasives@outlook.com or 715-799-5710 ext 3.

Looking Forward

Coordinator's Focus

As we blaze forward into February, the focus of our activities will be on the TIP Annual Meeting, securing permissions for the upcoming field season, and starting to plan out this years control activities. Overall this is not dissimilar to last year, but we won't have the convenience of the large GLRI grant to cover my activities until mid-July.

Coordinator's Availability

Due to a lack of any high-pressure requirements at the moment the Coordinator should be available for most of February so don't hesitate to get into contact!



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Important Dates

February

6: Langlade County Land Conservation Committee Meeting. 8:30 AM in Antigo. TIP will be there to discuss the annual meeting and Langlade Counties representation to TIP.

28: Timberland Invasives Partnership Annual Meeting. 9:00 AM, Legend Lake Lodge, Keshena. We'll have door prizes, invasive species experts, and a FREE LUNCH!

March

15: Statewide CISMA Coordinator's Meeting. 9:00 AM at UW-Green Bay.

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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