

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting/ Project Name:	State Weed Coordinators Alliance		
Date of Meeting:	Nov. 30, 2022	Time:	3:30 pm
Minutes Prepared By:	Jasmine Chaffee	Location:	USFS Office, Portland
1. Attendees			
MT, WY, UT, MN, KS, ID, SD, NV, CO, OR, CA,			
2. Agenda and Notes, Decisions, Issues			
Topic	Discussion		
Support Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around what the letters for researchers look like. Will get a template letter from Joey for John Gaskin's position with ARS. • The group decided to talk with Jennifer A. about what a letter to the University for research positions would look like, who to send it to, when is it appropriate, etc. • Discussion about the Transportation portion of the BIL that was not appropriated. Slade will draft a letter to send to Patrick Lehey and Senators on the Appropriations Committee. Noted that folks need to be talking to Appropriation Committee staff instead of trying to contact Senators since they create meeting agendas. Beth agreed to talk with the Senator's office. • Discussion on need for a letter to EPA regarding the CT rust and other bioagents- group decided to talk with Carol Randall first to see what exactly the biocontrol group needs from SWCA. *Group noted that EPA should be at the table for the 2023 Meeting. 		
Website Additions	Discussion about the difficulty to follow all the acronyms for organizations. Jasmine will work on creating an acronym cheat sheet and add both that and a list of State Weed Coordinators to the WWCC website.		
NISAW (National Invasive Species Awareness Week)	Discussion on whether SWCA could ban together again during NISAW and travel to DC. Slade mentioned he was going with a few board members from WYO and open to having others travel along.		
Other Business	Group decided to have a follow-up meeting February/March 2023. Aaron will send a meeting invite. Jasmine will send a thank you letter to Shawna Bautista for helping host the 2022 meeting in Portland.		