

Attendees: Cierra Dawson, Michael Ahr, Jacob Rose, Ashley Toland, Jordan Donaghy, Jenna Leichner, Emily Day, Courtney Gattuso, Chris Cornwell, Adam Phelps, Jake Hastings, Mina Cooper, Rolando Beorchia, Scott Youngblood, Grant Jackson, Aubrey Cloud, Travis Bower, Lorelle Sherman, Jay Sharpe, Shea Steingass, Peter Kenagy, Otilia Schreuder



1. Welcome and introductions
2. Summer 2025 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) movement updates
 - a. A new confirmed detection of EAB in Multnomah County happened in June 2025. As of November 2025, the quarantine zone now includes the following counties: Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, and Marion. Check out the [Oregon-EAB online hub](#) for the most current updates.
 - b. No new movement updates for Mediterranean Oak Borer (MOB) so far in 2025. Check out the [online hub](#) for the most current updates.
3. Reporting on Oregon Invasives Hotline Demonstration + Hotline Migration Updates — Jacob Rose from Portland State University
 - a. [View the presentation here.](#)
 - b. Jacob presented on the history of the [Oregon Invasives Hotline](#) and updated the group on the current host migration from Portland State University to Oregon State University. The migration is expected to be done by next year (2026) and will include new features and much-needed optimization updates. Have Hotline questions? Email Jacob at jacorose@pdx.edu.
4. Biocontrol in Benton County — Ashley Toland from Oregon Department of Agriculture
 - a. [View the presentation here.](#)
 - b. Ashley Toland is new to the Biocontrol Program at ODA. However, prior to this role she was spearheading ODA's Japanese Beetle Eradication program, which was not renewed for funding in 2025. Ashley presented on the use of biocontrol for invasive plants and provided a few key examples. She will be available to provide any relevant biocontrol updates in Benton County to the CWMA going forward. Have biocontrol questions? Email Ashley at Ashley.Toland@oda.oregon.gov
5. Partner updates
 - a. **Cierra Dawson (Benton SWCD):** 1) Benton SWCD has a [webpage dedicated to updates on woodboring pests \(EAB and MOB\)](#). Feel free to share this page if you come across someone wanting information for both species in one place. 2) Reminder that Benton SWCD also has a Weed of the Month blog series now that features a new invasive plant every month. It includes a flyer that shares weed ID tips and best removal methods. November's weed of the month is Garlic mustard. [View the WOTM Archive on Benton SWCD's website.](#)

- b. **Aubrey Cloud (Marys River + Luckiamute WC):** Railroads are becoming a concern for knotweed control efforts. Aubrey noted that there is a patch of giant knotweed in Summit, OR that is showing control progress due to ongoing treatments. However, he noticed that there are *new* giant knotweed patches popping up along the railway adjacent to the original patch. He suspects that it could be a mechanism of spread.
- c. **Grant Jackson (ODA):** 1) Grant noted that he discovered a new Oblong spurge patch in Keizer, OR near a railway and shares Aubrey's concern about railways being a mechanism of spread that we may need to focus on more going forward. 2) Three new species have been added to ODA's noxious weeds list in 2025: Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), Yellow bush lupine (*Lupinus arboreus*), and Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*). ODA is also on high alert for Palmer amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) as a single plant was detected in Marion County in 2024 and was added to the noxious weeds list as a result. 3) ODA's Noxious Weed Grants for 2026 are open! [Read more about the grant program here.](#) Applications are due by December 17th, 2025.
- d. **Otillia Schreuder (OSU Extension Master Gardener):** 1) The Linn and Benton Master Gardeners help desk is available in the winter for any plant- or garden-related questions! You can [submit a question to the help desk online.](#) 2) The Linn and Benton County Extension Master Gardener Program is seeking a full time Education Program Assistant 2. To review posting and apply, go to [Jobs at OSU.](#) Apply to posting # P05445CT.
- e. **Emily Day (Greenbelt Land Trust):** Garlic mustard was detected by some ODFW staff on one of Greenbelt's properties in Monroe, OR in July 2025. Benton SWCD and ODA responded and are actively working on treating and controlling the patch, which is about 2 acres. [Read more about this partnership on the CWMA webpage.](#)
- f. **Courtney Gattuso (Western Invasives Network):** 1) 4County CWMA has an active Garlic Mustard Working Group that is run by Michelle Delepine of West Multnomah SWCD. If you are interested in joining the working group, email Courtney at weeds@cascadepacific.org or Michelle at michelle@wmswcd.org. 2) MOU signature reminders: If you haven't already, please review the MOU document, sign and return to cierra@bentonswcd.org by December 31st, 2025.

The next general meeting is Monday, March 9th 10 AM – 12 PM. Location TBA.