

# Group to review AIS treatment on Eagle Chain

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The public will be updated on aquatic invasive species (AIS) treatment results on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes during a public informational meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Town Hall, 1205 Sundstein Road in Eagle River.

Eddie Heath, aquatic ecologist from Onterra LLC, will conduct the meeting. Onterra is the lake management consulting firm hired by the Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission (ULERCLC) responsible for implementing the AIS treatment program on the Eagle River Chain.

The presentation will provide a summary of AIS management that occurred this year and an overview of the proposed 2015 treatment program on the Eagle River Chain, according to Carole Linn, commission spokeswoman.

"The presentation will address the Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) treatment areas in 2014, rationale for selection of treatment areas and results of treatment," said Linn. "The strategy for the proposed treatment areas

for 2015 will be outlined. The criteria used to evaluate the success of treatment will be explained."

The ULERCLC has received a \$124,799 grant for the continued management of EWM during 2014 and 2015.

"Onterra has stressed to the ULERCLC that the individual lake peak biomass surveys conducted by volunteers every summer since the program began have been instrumental and critical to the success of the project," said Linn.

Since the Eagle River Chain began managing EWM seven years ago, a total of 1,047 acres have been treated at a total project cost of \$1,536,465. The state share of this project was \$836,025.

Attendees at the informational meeting will be able to ask questions regarding any aspect the treatment program, according to Linn.

"This is an excellent opportunity for all stakeholders and interested individuals to learn about the AIS management plan so vital to preserving the quality of the waters of the Eagle River Chain," said Linn. "All are invited and encouraged to attend."

