

Reaching Washington:

**How the MNRG can increase its
influence
In the invasive species policy arena**

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Use Available Openings

- National Invasive Species Council
- Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
- Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases
- Congressional Interest

Propose Meaningful Actions

- Alter significant agency policies
- Investigate and shine a light on significant pathways
- Develop products/tools to address significant prevention/control problems

Get the Funding

- Identify short and long term funds necessary for implementing specific actions consistent with the NMP and/or Regional Collaboration Strategy;
- Develop a Performance–Based Cross-cut Budget proposal
- Revise specific agency budget processes to allow NIS funds to come from base

Other Tips

- Design for Interagency Involvement
- Characterize/project Potential Economic/Environmental Benefits
- Plant Seed in Multiple Places
- Plan for Waves