

THE BTF ACTION PLAN

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- I. **File a grant request with the NFWF.**
- II. **Work with partners and stakeholders to establish a weevil nursery and distribution center at Lake Bistineau.**
- III. **Encourage new techniques and approaches in the battle against Giant Salvinia.**
 - a) Cooperate with and encourage research by the USDA-ARS (priority # 6_05.07.13).
 - b) Conduct water testing and analysis. (priority # 7)
- IV. **Plan and conduct 5-6 public BTF meetings per year.**
 - a) Encourage public participation in the BTF process.
 - b) Announce all public meetings in advance.
- V. **Work toward the completion of a Watershed Management Plan for Lake Bistineau.**
 - a) Appoint a work team leader
 - b) ID potential sources of funding
 - c) Request funding
 - d) Conduct inventories of the following:
 - (1) Identify all camp sites & homes on the lake
 - (2) ID owner's name and address
 - (3) ID types of waste disposal systems
 - e) Encourage a decrease in nutrient influx
 - 1) Identify nutrient sources flowing into the lake
- VI. **Enlist new partners to encourage a more regional approach to battle Giant Salvinia.**
- VII. **Encourage special events to increase the awareness of Salvinia.**
 - a) Maintain the BTF web link: <http://www.trailblazer.org/btf/> .
 - b) Promote "BTF" awareness in NW Louisiana.
 1. Develop a marketing plan for the BTF brand.
 2. Market the "BTF" BRAND.
 - c) Consider: Plan and conduct a "Shoreline Watch" program.
 - d) Consider: Plan and conduct a "Weed Warden" program.
- VIII. **Encourage actions to better accommodate drawdowns in excess of seven feet.**

Examples: Modify the water control structure; Modify the lake bed contour; etc.
- IX. **Continue the BTF Action Fund to help fund special needs and events.**
- X. **Consider strategic tree removal (as a last resort) to the control of salvinia.**