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Memorandum for: ANS Task Force Members and Invited Observers  
From: Scott A. Newsham, Executive Secretary //s//  
Subject: Committee Roles and Responsibilities

**Background:**

1. The ANSTF has four standing committees:
  - Communication, Education and Outreach
  - Detection and Monitoring
  - Prevention (joint with National Invasive Species Council)
  - Research

and a fifth (Control) under development. ANSTF committees are expected to meet once a year at a minimum, and to present an annual report to the ANSTF by November 1 each year.

2. These committees have been in place for varying lengths of time and have varying levels of activity. The ANSTF is revising its strategic plan and making decisions on where to focus its efforts. This appears to be an appropriate time to review each committee's 'Roles and Responsibilities'.

**Recommended Action:**

1. The ANSTF should use its Fall 2006 meeting to review the individual committee's roles and responsibilities and either confirm or modify them.