



Pulling together

Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area

Feb 21, 2008

NEXT meeting Grants Pass Interagency Office April 10, 10 am.

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Doreen Ferguson/JoCo Parks, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Maureen Jules/Forest Service, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D

NURSERY LETTER

Robin reported she needed more addresses from Brad. She was planning to send out the mailing as soon as she got those and would add weed policy info from ODA and a brochure from the CWMA.

Nursery Forum: Robin agreed to contact the ODA about the possibility of a presentation.

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

We selected 2 possible dates June 7 or 14th and set the time from 9-1 pm. Doreen will contact the Disc Golf people to avoid conflicts and finalize a day.

Possible sponsors/volunteers included:

Video World-Kyle

Disc Golf-Doreen, MRWC,

Jo Co Parks Foundation-Doreen,

Dutch Bros-Doreen

SOLV-gloves and bags-Robin

Steel headers-Doreen

Audubon – Doreen

Siskiyou Field Institute

Greenway Bike path folks

Wal-Mart – Kyle

Fred's, Rays-Amy

Other needs:

Advertising, fruit, trail mix, snacks, prizes

Declaration of collaboration

Amy will mail out a copy for those who have not signed. And make a list of those who have.

KNOTWEED POSTER

Possibility to post fliers around Illinois Valley area to encourage people to contact us about knotweed and to tell folks not to dig pull or cut it up.

ALYSSUM

County owns 70 acres under lease. Lease may soon be terminated and the Alyssum poses a threat of escape into adjacent sensitive botanical areas. Group decided to write to Commissioner offering to help with this problem through grant writing, organizing volunteers and technical assistance. At a minimum, we recommend that the area be harvested to avoid spread of seeds.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 19 Salem meeting on garlic mustard and Knotweed
- April 12 Wilson Ranch scotch broom pull in Jackson county
- April 26-27 Master Gardener fair Robin needs help with booth.

NEXT MEETING:

AGENDA

- 1. Weed day planning**
- 2. Nursery Letter/ Inspection Program**
- 3. Alyssum**
- 4. knotweed poster**
- 5. other**



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Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area

March 6, 2008

NEXT meeting Grants Pass Interagency Office April 10, 10 am.

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Doreen Ferguson/JoCo Parks, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Mary Bell/Forest Service, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D

NURSERY LETTER

Robin reported that she contacted the state nursery inspector: Eric Rusche. He is willing to come give a presentation. We decided the following for the presentation:

- Evening to accommodate business owners
- Possible dates: May 8, or 13 or 20
- OSU extension preferred locale
- Invite other groups: Native plant society, Audubon, SWCD, Jackson CWMA folks and let them invite nurseries too
- Topics: weeds that come from landscape species or look alike, how to tell if cultivars are safe? What can we do to minimize escape from landscape plantings to noxious weed problems, other issues?

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

We did lots of planning—please see attached worksheet for details.

KNOTWEED POSTER

Kyle gave us a mocked poster. We liked it and made some suggestions to adjust the content to encourage them to contact us and not try to treat it themselves and make language more toward a basic level: i.e., "healthy happy native plants"

ALYSSUM

Effective treatment may require two years of spraying. Amy reported sending a message to Commissioner Toler about the group's interest in helping with grant-writing/control/eradication efforts. Group recommends that the seed source be dealt with this year by mowing/baling early. Also would recommend that the field be tilled under if possible and then treated chemically for at least two years.

It was noted that it is not listed as a noxious weed now. Can the CWMA make that suggestion?

Next Step: contact county again around April 15 to find out if they know what the plan is for the season.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note regular meetings will now be held the second Thursday of the month!

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See attached event details.



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Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area
April 10, 2008

NEXT meeting Grants Pass Interagency Office May 14, 10 am.

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Susan Chapp/Forestry Action Committee, Brad Carlson/Middle Rogue Watershed Council, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D

NURSERY LETTER

Robin reported that she still needed to finalize the date for the Nursery presentation/workshop. We stuffed some envelopes with the other materials to be mailed and she will finalize the date and add it to the letter. Amy will help get a room.

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

Kyle shared the poster he designed and everyone liked it. He will email it out as a PDF and also as an active file if folks want to add anything to it.

A few points and questions:

- o Has the pavilion been reserved? We thought yes, but wanted to double check.
- o We elected to use the wording about the earned parking pass from the parks website to make sure people didn't get confused
- o Robin wanted to get information ready and asked for help in the booth for the Master Gardener show April 26
- o DONATIONS must be secured and finalized by the next meeting: May 14th
- o Amy will adapt the sponsor sheet in use by Jackson County for the Jo County event/group and mail it out ASAP
- o Robin will email Doreen and Mary Bell to check in and see how they are progressing
- o Robin got gloves from SOLV, but they were the wrong kind

ALYSSUM

No news about this except that we have been in contact with the Commissioners' office.

CWMA PROFILE

Amy shared a profile that was submitted in response to a request by ODA. It was noted that we need to update our list of important species. We did list in the profile, Alyssum on our list of high concern, even though it is not listed as an invasive due to the sensitive flora and endangered species in the area.

EARLY DETECTION RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING

Kyle explained the TNC is sponsoring another training for EDDR and would like to offer to target the Illinois Valley area. The area is unique in flora and has potential for some folks to come forward who might be really interested in watching for weeds. Kyle said co-sponsoring the event would not result in a lot of work. Basically we need to help recruit volunteers/participants and provide a list of 5-10 weeds we think are most critical to be watched out for in the area. We would also hope to identify sites where we could see these weeds. TNC probably has materials, but we might need to help with developing materials.

The group quickly listed Rush Skelton Weed, Knotweed, star thistle and leafy spurge as candidates. There was discussion as to whether or not we needed to field a response team to be able to respond to the weeds that might be identified by EDDR trainees. However, these folks will be reporting the sightings to the ODA hotline and or the landowner. In any case, there are agencies who would respond to public and private landowners. The CWMA could offer to help out on local response though.

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Amy reviewed the list of signatures collected to date on the declaration. We generated a list of agencies we would like to target directly to see if they would like to sign:

Middle Rogue Watershed Council	ODOT
IVSWCD and Watershed Council	ODF&W
Josephine SWCD	Board OC County Commissioners
Siskiyou Field Institute	ODF
OSU Extension	GPID

Amy will send out a letter to these agencies asking them if they would like to sign and/or go to their meetings. Kyle offered to go with Amy to the Josephine SWCD meeting.

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AGENDA

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- 2. Nursery Letter/ Inspection Program: update**
- 3. Alyssum update**
- 4. knotweed poster**
- 5. other**

See attached updated event details.



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Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area
May 14, 2008

NEXT meeting Tuesday, June 3, 10-12 Tom Pearce Park

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Susan Chapp/Forestry Action Committee, Brad Carlson/Middle Rogue Watershed Council, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Amy will mail out requests to those remaining on the list of probable signers asking folks to sign and return it.

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

Sponsors and logos need to be nailed down by May 30th! We roughed out the tee shirt design. Confirmed sponsors that we have logos for include: Middle Rogue Watershed Council, TNC, FAC, rogue Basin coordinating Council, Jo Co Parks, SOLV, BLM.

PR. Brad volunteered to do press releases by June 6th. KLDR, Daily Courier, etc. Kyle will finalize and distribute the poster via e-mail. [Kyle: anyway to add the sponsors as of this Friday?]

MRWC will pay for 2 6foot subs. Dutch Brothers will give coffee coupons. Parks will give 5 annual day passes and one night in a yurt.

We discussed "day of" details:

Items	To do/status
o Need to prepare "literature": CWMA brochures, weed watcher training information; other agency information from any participating group	o ?person to man booth/table?
Signage for site	o Doreen
Folding table	o
Safety orientation	o KYLE
Sign- up sheets/waivers	o
Pick up food and bring to site	o
Clean up site	o Everyone
SUPPLIES:	o

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WATER – Kyle/Brad 2. GATORADE/CHIPS/COOKIES 3. cups and plates – Brad 4. granola bars – Costco/Amy 5. giant sub sandwiches – Brad to order/ someone else to pick up (Amy will try to find recruit) 6. napkins _____ 7. raffle tickets – Susan Chapp 	
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ALYSSUM

No news about this except that we have been in contact with the Commissioners’ office.

NURSERY LETTER & PRESENTATION

Robin reported that the letter has gone out and the meeting is set for May 19th at the city council chambers, 7-8:30.

WEED WATCHERS: EARLY DETECTION RAPID RESPONSE TRAINING

Kyle reported the training is planned for June 21 at the Butler Building at the Forest service office in cave Junction to start at 9 am. They are working on finalizing the list of weeds to look at and discuss. Since sites are dispersed they may focus on bringing in some samples.

Kyle asked for help getting the word out and it was suggested that he add the Forestry Action committee as a contact for the event. Susan said she thought they could help provide coffee/tea and stuff.

KNOTWEED POSTER

Kyle showed the final poster and several people said they wanted copies to put up in various places, such as river areas, parks etc.

Scotch Broom news article: Amy suggested (and offered to take a stab) it might be timely to do an article on it that focused on fire danger etc.

NEXT MEETING:

<p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weed day WALK THROUGH 2. Nursery inspector presentation report 3. Alyssum update 4. other
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Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area

June 3, 2008

NEXT meeting Grants Pass Interagency Office July 17, 10 am.
Brief debrief on June 14 following weed pull event at Tom Pearce Park

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Susan Chapp/Forestry Action Committee, Brad Carlson/Middle Rogue Watershed Council, Doreen Ferguson/Jo Cty Parks

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

T-shirt design was again reviewed showing all logos. 75 t-shirts are being ordered (base color is green) from Exhibitron. The date of the event was not included on the front of the t-shirt in order to make processing of future t-shirt orders for this event easier (no need to re-do the imprint). It is too late to include the logo for Josephine Parks Foundation and Video World on the t-shirt, but they will be mentioned as sponsors elsewhere. Josephine Parks Foundation will pay for the total cost of the t-shirts, amounting to \$573.75.

Reviewed Prizes/Gifts

\$100 coffee bucks from Dutch Brothers

\$25 in video coupons from Video World

\$30 of "items" from Albertsons

Applications still pending at Fred Meyers and Wal-Mart

Financial donors include: TNC, BLM, RBCC, ODA, OSU, IVSWCD \$100 each (RBCC/ODA still pending)

Other In-Kind sponsors include USFS, RC&D, SOLV (gloves)

1 night yurt camping-Jo County Parks; 5 annual day use passes-Jo Cty Parks

Jet Boat trip for 2 – Hellgate

Kyle to go back to Video World and purchase 10 discs at ~\$100 (group consensus to do so)

*It was noted at this time that all participants will receive a free t-shirt and work gloves

Reviewed Poster

Final design chosen had disc golf logo, with all sponsors written at bottom of page. Each agency to print off flyers and distribute as they see fit. Doreen will get all parks, Robin all agency offices, Brad & Kyle some local businesses. Robin will mail poster to nurseries around town also and ask them to display on their door or window.

Day of Event

Directional signs-Doreen

Sign in at Hester Shelter – BLM Staff

Amy will get sign in sheet (r.e. how did you hear about us, name, how many in party?)

Solv waivers for youth/adults were distributed.....

Brochure/weed/info table-all agencies to bring what info they would like, table will be manned by Susan Chapp-FAC

Intro/Orientation of volunteers-Robin/Kyle to handle

Safety-Kyle to handle

Brad order subs, Steve F to pick up day of event (Brad will communicate with him time, place, etc)

Amy will get Alb food (to include Gatorade mix, cookies, granola bars and chips)

Brad-get napkins, plates, cups, etc (NOTE: These were brought to Robin on 6/3)

Supplies for Event: Robin to bring weed wrenches, loppers, gloves, paper bags, 1st aid kits (Brad, Doreen also to check on/bring first aid kits)

Jo Cty Parks will have truck to drop weed bags in (and later take to county dump) as well as a Port-O-Potty. Doreen also to bring digital camera. Nothing else could be thought of.

Press Releases

Group reviewed press release and had minor comments. Comments were noted and press releases were sent by Brad to ABC, CBS, NBC, JPR, KAJO, KRRM, and Daily Courier on 6/4-6/5. PR will be sent again on 6/11 by Brad.

Nursery Presentation.

Was reported that no nurseries attended, perhaps due to busy season/timing for them. Was decided to try again, but at a different time of year (yet to be decided-but possible winter months). Also discussed that letter may be better coming from ODA/Eric Reusche, and that follow up tel calls to remind folks might be helpful

Weed Watcher Training

Kyle passed out finished poster, and again encouraged folks to attend if possible.

Location to be forestry building (butler building) across from FAC in Cave Junction. Sat June 21, 2008 9am-1pm. Taunya Siemens of TNC to deliver training.

Alyssum

Kyle to send email update to group on this.

Other Items

Group talked about rotation leadership on an annual basis for CWMA. Group was in strong favor of idea, but decided to wait until July meeting to decide on next group/agency to be in charge and what time frame the "annual year" will run on.

NEXT MEETING:

AGENDA

- 1. Weed day follow up**
- 2. Nursery Letter/ Inspection Program: Next steps**
- 3. Rotational Leadership**
- 4. Other-talk about future of group, where we want to go and what we want to see happening.**



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July 17, 2008

NEXT meeting August 14, 10 am Grants Pass Interagency Office

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Susan Chapp/Forestry Action Committee, Brad Carlson/Middle Rogue Watershed Council, Christine Gardiner, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D

WEED DAY DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Everyone thought the weed day was a great success! We all felt that we could not have hoped for more. But being humans we couldn't help but think of a few things we could do better.

TO IMPROVE:

- Try to get on the city calendar
- Make presentations or announcements about the vent in person to key groups (not just send invites/emails)
- Identify event organizers better with name tags or hats or something
- Push daily courier harder and/or submit our own article to them after the event

Follow up items still pending/in progress:

- Mail thank yous to all sponsors (Kyle – Video World, Amy – Hellgate and Albertsons, Doreen - Parks Fndn and Dutch Bros, Brad – ODA and RBCC.
- Mail a thank you to participants
- Put participants' contact info in a spreadsheet for future contacts ease.

Amy reported that there was an invitation from the Jackson group to combine our event with the Jackson County event. Group discussed pros and cons without coming to any conclusion. Pros: shared advertising, shared workload for 'party' or volunteer appreciation. Cons: too far to go for celebration, possibility to lose some volunteers to other sites, loss of event identity.

WEED WATCHER TRAINING REPORT

the training went well although not as many participants as hoped. There were 9 people. It seemed that folks were busy with other events. They focused on 11 plants. Also noted that Spanish Broom was found on Draper Rd.

WEED PULL AT DEER CREEK CENTER

Close on the heels of the training, a weed pull was organized at Deer Creek Center to help out with start thistle and demonstrate one way that the center may want to deal with their weed issues. There were about 10 people.

There was an idea suggested to integrate weed info into some of the classes offered by Siskiyou Field Institute. And/or to develop a weed watcher program in conjunction with their class offerings

JACKSON COUNTY WEED WATCHER TRAINING

Kyle reminded everyone that there will be a training in the Jackson County area on July 26 at ODF&W. Christine will send the notice out to her Alpaca association list.

Garlic Mustard Festival. It was reported that back east some group had hosted a festival where they pulled and cooked the weed.

IV Knapweed project. Susan reported that they had submitted a request for funding to ODA for a Meadow Knapweed project to ODA. Having previously received a matching promise from National Forest Foundation they were hoping to get a modest sum from ODA. Unfortunately, the grant was turned down and the resulting funding is only \$640. The plan is to develop posters, mailings, provide training at the Dome School and develop a community based project. There has been some interest from local people to continue forward without funding. The group offered to try to lend support where possible as this project moves forward.

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Amy reported that the Declaration has been mailed out to folks we were targeting. Robin requested that we put City of Grants Pass on the list and Amy will find out exactly who to target for that mailing.

NURSERIES

We renewed discussion about involving nurseries and suggested that they might eventually be a place to try to get weed pamphlets and brochures displayed. It was also noted that personal contacts was probably the most effective contact method with nurseries (especially during the week, not weekends).

LEFTOVER TEE SHIRTS

The group decided to distribute the remaining tee shirts to groups who could give them to volunteers and use them for promotion. Also a few tees were handed out to sponsoring organizations. Tees were given to The Nature Conservancy, Forestry Action, ODA, RBCC, MRWC.

NEXT MEETING:

AGENDA

- 1. Declaration of Cooperation**
- 2. Alyssum update**
- 3. other**

Josephine CWMA web site: <http://www.pacrimrcd.org/Page.asp?NavID=385>



Pulling together
Josephine County Cooperative Weed Management Area
August 21, 2008

NEXT meeting September 11, 10 am Grants Pass Interagency Office

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D, Susan Chapp/Forestry Action Committee, Cory Alvis/Siskiyou Field Institute.

NEW SIGNATURES

Amy is acquiring new signatures for our Declaration of Cooperation. The one from the Oregon State University Extension for Josephine County is pending, and she has received the signature from the Siskiyou Field Institute. Amy will also follow through with some people who have participated in the past, but not recently.

VOLUNTEER WORK IN ILLINOIS VALLEY

Susan reported on FAC's weekly volunteer YST pulls. Group of 4 to 5 meets every Wednesday 8 to 10 am and pulls yellow star thistle on private property. Two properties have been cleaned up and group is working on a third property now. FAC has also done a poster and a brochure promoting pulling meadow knapweed along Takilma Road, and done a presentation to the Dome School on the knapweed control.

NOXIOUS WEED DAY

Amy reported that there is \$251.44 left over from money contributions for this year's volunteer CWMA volunteer event, which will be a nice start for next year's event. Group discussed where to go next year. People liked the idea of staying with county parks, and White Horse Park in particular was discussed. We can develop regulars who will participate annually.

SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE

Cory Alvis, program coordinator for the Siskiyou Field Institute, discussed with the group ways to integrate a SFI education course with volunteer weed pulling on the Institute's 840 acres. There is meadow knapweed, yellow star thistle and Japanese knotweed. Course fee could be pulling weeds, pull in the morning and have speakers in

the afternoon. The priority right now is to get a paragraph together for their course catalog. Josephine CWMA can help with speakers.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED ON DEER CREEK

There is Japanese knotweed on Deer Creek on SFI property so it is as priority to locate any knotweed populations upstream from the SFI. Amy will draft a letter to mail to landowners along Deer Creek, to help us identify locations. Goal to get the letter out next month.

MILFOIL

Milfoil is an invasive aquatic plant which has been found in a pond where fish are being raised. The pond feeds into Grave Creek, so the milfoil has the potential to spread.

BLM FUNDING

Apparently the BLM gives some level of funding to CWMA's. If we get some of this funding, we should be discussing what are our strategic plan and our priorities. We need to develop a handout on invasives.

NEXT MEETING:

- 1. Letter to Deer Creek landowners about Japanese knotweed.**
- 2. Strategic plan and priorities.**
- 3. Other**



Oct 16. 2008

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NEXT meeting November, 13 2008 10 am Grants Pass Interagency Office

Participants: Robin Taylor/BLM, Kyle Strauss/The Nature Conservancy, Amy Wilson/Southwest Oregon RC&D, Doreen Ferguson/Josephine County Parks

EVENTS AND DATES

- Siskiyou Field Institute weed seminar/class will be 6/06/09, with the weed pulling for tuition the same or the next day. We still need to discuss possible instructors and details of the course.
- The JCWMA annual volunteer weed pulling event will be the next Saturday, 6/13/09.

PARTICIPATION SURVEY

Robin will call people on the list and ask them questions from the list generated at the meeting.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

- A "10 Most Wanted" leaflet, flyer or brochure. Amy worked up a mock up of a "Wanted" flyer. At the meeting, 10 species were chosen to put into the flyer: Scotchbroom, Blackberry, Yellow starthistle, Japanese knotweed, Knapweed, Puncturevine, Purple loosestrife, English Ivy, and Pampass grass. We need pictures of the species so if you have any please send them to Amy. Native alternatives were discussed and chosen to be added to (or attached) to the flyer.

MAPPING

Doreen will have a map made of Josephine County for people to document weed sites in the county. The map will have land ownership, major roads, township/range/sections, cities, and waterways.

NEXT MEETING: DATE

AGENDA

1. Weed Pull.
2. Instructors for the Siskiyou Field Institute course on invasives.
3. Update on the Most Wanted leaflet.
4. Structure of the Jo Co CWMA (Strategies, goals, and Roles.
5. Map of weeds for Jo Co.