



## JACKSON COUNTY COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA



January 6, 2009  
Meeting notes, Medford

### Coordination & Treatment

**Title II:** A few possibilities were discussed for possible collaboration on specific sites that would benefit from interagency cooperation.

Holcomb Springs for Scotch Broom using community Justice and a follow up with chemicals; Frank offered one day's worth of CJ time through the county; Gail will follow-up to see what funding is needed if any, BLM also to cooperate  
Old Ferry Road Barb suggested they were interested where Old Hwy 62 goes through Shady cove

Cascade Siskiyou Monument Canada thistle is a problem there.

City of Ashland knotweed near Neil Creek; there was some discussion about knotweed in town, but some thought this was a tough sell to the Title II funding source; maybe Neil Creek would look more appropriate to the funder.

Table Rocks star thistle (I think); high visibility; maybe lends itself to a weed day site; Seven Basins wants to be involved.

These are noted here to help people get connected—follow up (if any) will be by what ever group launched the idea unless otherwise discussed. Since no objections were raised to any of these sites, it can be said that these were all noted as high priority sites by the CWMA (for your grant writing benefit). If you are submitting a project and need help, send out an email to the group for input).

**Mapping and the sloppy map:** We discussed the possibilities of mapping weeds. We came back around to the notion that it is very time intensive and that our main goal is to coordinate efforts which can be accomplished by sharing info in other-than-map formats. Lucy also concluded that for her purposes of getting people to share information in Ashland, there might be other useful ideas like developing a neighborhoods map and promoting blogging, etc.

For our purposes, we will continue to bring and update our sloppy map. Amy will type up the list of entries currently on it and people can fill in the blanks on the spreadsheet. [This works out pretty well, because you can sort the spreadsheet by weed, agency or sub-basin. Try it—you'll like it]

**Yellow floating heart.** Barb explained that the front page article was a case of run-away news reporter who got very excited about this new thing, even though she was trying to sell the CWMA, etc. We all mused on this curious event where the news media were all the sudden calling and asking about weeds.

Barb also explained that because the floating heart is actually in the water, as opposed to being riparian, it does not fall into FS guidelines and there is question about what agency can take authority. Ken French is checking with ODA about treatment options.



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**Japanese knotweed treatment** new information on injecting as a treatment method is showing that there is the potential for leaching into water systems. Steve Wickham also noted that injecting was too expensive and that they were treating it by spraying in Coos County. He reported that the Extension service had done some trials on treating it; everyone asked Steve to share any info on those trials.

**Molly agreed to follow up** with the nature Conservancy on their experience with leaching.

**Steve agreed to follow up** with the Coos agent to see if she could present her results to us via phone or in person at a future meeting.

### **Outreach/Ed**

**Public workshop** We discussed the possibility of getting OSU aquatic invasives expert Sam Chan to talk about leaching and treating invasives. **BOB to follow up.** Frank suggested the auditorium out at the county road department. This would be a large public meeting we would host. *Bob says Sam is looking to April.*

**North Mountain weed watcher program** Lucy told us that North Mountain is planning a weed watcher training program

**Coos county activity** Steve Wickham, Plum Creek Timber, shared with us some of the activity from his county weed group. Coos has educated folks through news and handouts at the county fair. They have a cost share program to encourage landowners to treat their own lands. Their county rewrote their spray rules so that their treatment area on the roadside is wider. They help to get Butterfly bush and Pampas grass on the state list. Coos Curry Electric provided some of their initial funding for cost share work (\$20,000)

Steve also passed out a one-pager that Plum Creek published in cooperation with Associated Oregon Loggers. It is titled Priority invasive plants of Oregon forestry.

**Rights of way** Angie shared that at a workshop they were promoting the opportunities of working in rights of way where animal habitat was seen to be particularly threatened.

**WEEDS!** Frank reported that butterfly bush had escaped on Boyd Road near Wards creek; this has not been reported to escape otherwise locally.

### **OUTREACH EVENT**

We discussed the proposed community meeting in the Little Butte area. We concluded that:

- o To be successful we would need to do outreach in advance; identify the most likely to get interested and involved and figure out how to get them there



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- Our goal would be to increase coordination among private landowners and in neighborhoods
- RC&D council will dedicate some staff time (contractor Maria Clementi) to helping organize the event
- Spreading the work about weeds in general and this event could be accomplished by getting a speaker to the Cattleman's Assoc, etc
- SWCD would very much like to work with a neighborhood effort, so technical assistance/follow-through if we get a nibble would be the SWCD
- Amy, Tim and Maria will be the core organizing committee, but others will make themselves available as speakers, etc for the actual event.
- Look for partner organizations who have key interest: irrigation district, power company, big ranches and landowners, watershed council members

**Weed watcher train the trainer** Molly will follow up to find out if their staff person is still available to provide some training for trainers in Jackson County; best time probably June.

**Report to County** Amy to follow up on this.

**June weed pull date** I have **June 20** on my calendar. Okay?

**Next meeting Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>; 10-12 SWCD office**



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## February 3rd, 2009 Meeting notes, Medford

**Participating:** Mike Meredith, Vicki Simpson, Mark Mousseaux, Armand Rebishke, Kai Victor, Molly Sullivan, Barbara Mumblo, Lucy Whitridge, Gail Perrotti, Vince Oredson, Amy Wilson.

<b>Weed Event 2009</b>
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<b><u>Sites to keep:</u></b>	<b><u>Host/leader</u></b>
Denman	Vince
Prescott	Barb
Valley Of Rogue	Gail
Jeff Nat Ctr	Craig or Frances Oyung
N Mtn Park	Linda
<b><u>Sites to consider dropping:</u></b>	<b><u>Host/leader</u></b>
CP Bike Path	Frank
<b><u>Sites to consider adding:</u></b>	<b><u>Host/leader</u></b>
Table rock (upper or lower?)	Molly/Mark
West Med. Ballfield	Armand

**Schedule:**

	March	April	May	June
<b>Weed Sites</b>	Finalize site list	Plan for site logistics; what tools, supplies needed, what weeds to pull	Recruit site specific groups	
<b>BOOTHS</b>	Circulate info		Verify commitments	
<b>SPONSORS</b>	Develop list and start asking	Keep asking	<b>MAY 15</b> final sponsor list	
<b>Tee shirts</b>		Develop artwork/design	Add sponsors and go to production by end May	
<b>Publicity</b>	Distribute list of sites and get on other groups calendars- use email networks		2-3 weeks before: postcards to former volunteers, flyers posted locally, press releases	Media blitz
<b>Hawthorne</b>	Secure location, application, etc	Food logistics, recruit volunteers; schedule musicians	Finalize volunteers	

**Questions/ideas:**

**Can we use the venue of Hawthorne to give out awards for weed volunteers?**



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**The Ball field folks might have difficulty responding, but we need to focus our resources, so they need to commit by next month—even if they have a small turnout.**

### Coordination/treatment

The statewide weed list was discussed. Folks were encouraged to suggest things that should be put on the list. We decided we should forward our recommendations to Butler at ODA. Common teasel should go on the B list to help the agencies be able to treat it.

### Outreach/Ed

**Weed watcher train the trainer** Molly said there will be a meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 to plan this. We discussed the possibility of having a recognition 'ceremony' for the weed watchers as part of the weed day festivities.

**Community Weed Meeting at Little Butte** Not much progress to report, need to set date and move forward.

**North Mountain weed watcher program** Lucy reported she is developing her list of weeds for the EDRR program. Bob Budesca is scheduled to talk to their group in April and the group is planning activity for take care of Oregon Days on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Public workshop** on aquatics. No date set.

**Knotweed info for our group.** Molly reported that there was going to be a presentation by Kyle at SOU on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The group tabled the idea of having a special presentation for the moment.

**SWCD newsletter item request.** Margaret M asked for a cover story for their newsletter. Barb and Molly volunteer3d to develop an article on the CWMA and the idea of keeping weeds out. The article is due next week.

**Report to County** Amy to follow up on this.

**Mapping / sloppy map / coordination:** Amy passed out an updated version of the activity list

### Organizational items

**BLM funding.** Mark will fill out paperwork requesting funds. Theses can go to the SWCD. RC&D can continue to handle donations if needed.



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**Regional issues.** Group discussed whether or not it would be beneficial to get back together with other weed groups in the 5-county area to share progress and exchange ideas. Everyone thought this was a good idea and it should happen in the fall.

**Next meeting March 3rd; 10-12 SWCD office**

Agenda items:

- Finalize sites for weed day
- Develop sponsor list and plan for weed day
- Aquatic invasives presentation followup
- Weed watcher training update
- BLM funding update



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**March 2 nd, 2009  
Meeting notes, Medford**

**Participating:** Tim Weaver, Vicki Simpson, Marcia Wineteer, Armand Rebishke, Kai Victor, Molly Sullivan, Barbara Mumblo, Lucy Whitridge, Gail Perrotti, Len Vaglia, Greg Konchar, Bob Budes, Frank Baratta, Amy Wilson.

<b>Weed Event 2009</b>
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<u>Final site list:</u>	<u>Host/leader</u>
Denman	Vince
Prescott	Barb
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Jeff Nat Ctr	Craig Harper (RVCOG)
North Mtn Park	Linda
Upper Table Rock	Molly/Mark

Gail would like Marcia to help out at VOR; Mark is signed up to help on Upper Table Rock. Each site leader was given a checklist for their site to plan for their needs. Each site leader should review the checklist and be sure to let the group know what help they are looking for from the larger group ahead of time. Also Site leaders should be thinking about contacts they can make to plan get other possible volunteer groups to their site. Central Point Bike Path has another big event planned in July, so it was dropped. If the ball-field people get organized they can come to our party, but we are not going to use any of our group resources to plan for the site specific needs. There was some discussion about the disposal of garlic mustard and the need to be very careful. Len said that Vince might be able to pile and burn later. Each site leader was reminded to evaluate their needs for disposal and get back to the group.

**Booths.** Amy will contact Maude to see if she is willing to be the lead person for this again.

**Sponsors.** We went through the list in detail adding and changing names see attached list. Everyone was encouraged to ask for \$100 donation and follow up with request for coupons, gifts etc for drawing. While not strict about the \$100 minimum for getting on the tee shirt, we don't want to promise folks they will get on the tee shirt for smaller donations. Remember names on the tee shirt—no logos needed this time. Amy will send out a form for the request and event info.

**Tee shirts** Start thinking about art work, bring to next meeting if you have any ideas.

**Publicity** Amy will make a flyer to be passed along. Also plan to get info at Master Gardener Fair booth (FS/BLM booth) in May.

**Party Site** Bob will check on the site. \*\*\*[Update: Hawthorne is not available on our date. Bob is looking at options.](#)



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### Outreach/Ed

**Public workshop** on aquatics. We reconfirmed that our intention here is to provide aquatic invasives info to the public and to our expanded circle of colleagues. Bob will contact Sam and ask him to make an evening presentation for the public. Frank offered up the auditorium in white city.

**Weed watcher train the trainer** This committee met and added some other players (OSU extension/Max Bennett. They discussed sustainability ideas and came up with the plan to ask Kai, TNC AmeriCorps Volunteer, to be the central coordinator for the Weed Watchers. He will provide coordination and keep track of the invaders with mapping. They also discussed the possibility of developing some kind of Master Weed program. Their next meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>. The train-the-trainer training is planned for June 25, hopefully at Denman from 6-9 pm.

**Community Weed Meeting at Little Butte** We threw around some dates and settled on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 as the best option (city hall or library). The format of the meeting would be to present PowerPoint-type session on the up and coming weeds in the area as well as some hints for controlling common weeds. Best outcomes would be for folks to request follow up visits and get interested in some coordinated planning/treatment. Upper Rogue Independent publishes their region-wide free edition the last week (either march 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>) We should try to get info in by then. Also EPID offered to put a notice in their billing.

**North Mountain weed watcher program** Lucy reported she is developing her list of weeds for the EDRR program. Bob Budesca is scheduled to talk to their group in April and the group is planning activity for take care of Oregon Days on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Knotweed info for our group.** The big conference is happening very soon—*Maybe we can get a report from someone who attended?*

**SWCD newsletter item.** Vicki thanked Barb for getting in the article for the SWCD newsletter.

**Report to County** Amy to follow up on this.

### Organizational items

#### Misc:

- o Gail asked for input for a tabloid to be mailed in June.



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- Bob reported he met with Armand and Jacksonville woodlands. Following up on tree of heaven in Jacksonville.
- Holcomb springs is getting firmed up, lining up landowners. Frank offered to bring a chipper to help get rid of the pulled broom. Gail will find out if a local person wants to have the chips piled on her place if convenient for the chipping operation.
- Butterfly Bush: no one has gone to check this out yet. Also some along N. River Road
- Molly asked a bout milfoil on Dutcher creek in GP. Suggested contacting the watershed council and Robin Taylor at BLM.

### **Next meeting April 7; 10-12 SWCD office**

#### Agenda items;

#### Weed day:

- site details,
- sponsor updates, progress
- party site update
- booth update
- review possible artwork
- review music possibilities; Maude? Etc?
- review outreach to volunteer groups

Aquatic invasives presentation followup

Weed watcher training update

BLM funding update

Riparian weeds interpretation

	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
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<b>Publicity</b>	Continue early outreach	2-3 weeks before: postcards to former volunteers, flyers posted, press releases	Media blitz



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### April 7, 2009 Meeting notes

**Participating:** Tim Weaver, Marcia Wineteer, Kai Victor, Molly Sullivan, Lucy Whitridge, Mark Mousseaux, Mike Meredith, Gail Perrotti, Len Vaglia, Bob Budes, Amy Wilson.

#### Weed Event 2009

1. **Site Details.** Site leaders were asked to be sure to go out and look at their sites to verify what weeds will be there and to use the check list to see what they need from us besides bags and gloves.
2. **Sponsorship updates.** We reviewed the list and noted that there had been very little asking and that folks need to get going. Raffle items are great if not funds. **EVERYONE NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE LIST AND FOLLOW UP.**
3. **Party site update.** Bob reported he has secured the Bear Creek park main pavilion. Bob will work with Armand on other details.
4. **Booth update.** Amy reported she had not made contact with Maude to verify if she will be able to help with this, this year, but she left a message and Amy will follow up with her.
5. **Artwork.** Vicki sent a dandelion image for folks to look at. Mark volunteered to follow up with something to get to Amy by Mid May.
6. **Music.** Amy left message with Maude. [She has answered that her group is not available]; Amy asked Armand to see if he could get last year's group.]
7. **Outreach to volunteers.** Last year's site leaders were asked if they still had their sign up sheets so we could do a mailing to last year's folks. Each site leader was asked to think about special outreach to any user groups or special constituents. Molly asked for the poster; the official sponsor packet already went out and can be used for recruiting volunteers, too.

#### Improvements:/changes

- better signage; Len said he may be able to pay for this
- no tickets needed for food
- In person meeting to pick up supplies. We decided it would be preferable to meet all together to dole out stuff the day before instead of letting people come in any time to pick up.

#### Outreach/Ed

**Aquatic Invasives workshop.** Bob coordinated this and Sam Chan is on schedule to speak the next evening. Gail agreed to send out the notice to watershed councils and flyfishers. Bob will emcee and Marcia is bringing Av equipment.



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**Weed watcher train the trainer** Week of the 18<sup>th</sup> May a training will be held. See Molly for more details.

**Riparian weed info interpretation.** Marcia reported she had not got any feedback on her draft. Amy volunteered to follow up with a meeting with Marcia and Andre to discuss next steps.

**Aquatic invasive survey.** Mark reported BLM was planning to do a survey of aquatic invasives.

**Funding update.** Mark reported that the funding will not be available until the budget is distributed to their agency.

**Community Weed Meeting at Little Butte** A weed hit list was developed and final planning done. Marcia, Barb, Bob, Angie and Amy will all participate.

**Report to County.** Scheduled for April 21 at 3 pm. Molly agreed to present and Amy will make PowerPoint. Everyone gave May stats for the report.

**Josephine County: Oil seed crops.** Amy reported that the Jo. County CWMA had offered to do monitoring on the Canola and Camolina crops that re being planted because there has been concerned expressed about the potential for weed spread.

**Alyssum update.** Amy reported that ODA was working to get rid of Alyssum in the Illinois Valley, but that Alyssum had not been voted an invasive weed yet (tabled by the commission). Ken is planning an all out program to deal with it this summer.

### **Next meeting May 5; 10-12 SWCD office**

#### Agenda items;

##### Weed day:

- site details, needs
- sponsor updates, progress & close to final report
- party site update
- booth update
- artwork
- Music
- outreach to volunteer groups

Weed watcher training update

BLM funding update

Riparian weeds interpretation



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	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>Weed Sites</b>	Site logistics; supplies? Recruit site specific groups	
<b>Party site</b>	Finalize volunteers	
<b>BOOTHS</b>	Invite, Verify commitments	
<b>SPONSORS</b>	<b><u>MAY 15</u></b> final sponsor list	
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**Final site list:**

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 Valley Of Rogue  
 Jeff Nat Ctr  
 North Mtn Park  
 Upper Table Rock

**Host/leader**

Vince  
 Barb  
 Gail/ (Marcia)  
 Craig Harper (RVCOG)  
 Linda/Lucy  
 Molly/Mark



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### May 5, 2009 Meeting notes

**Participating:** Molly Sullivan, Barb Mumblo, Mark Mousseaux, Mike Meredith, Gail Perrotti, Len Vaglia, Bob Budes, Amy Wilson.

#### Weed Event 2009

- Site Details.** Site leaders need to get in touch with Amy if they need anything. Len will check in with ODF&W to make sure that it doesn't fall through the cracks. Check list:
  - Emergency plan each site must make sure your cell phone works and that you have a first aid kit
  - Molly will make contact list of cell phones
- logistics:**
  - Signage: Amy will order 30 signs and Army Corps will pay via credit card; to say Weed pull event and JCWMA (spelled out).
  - Banners: Amy will look into prices for two banners: one LONG and the other to fit across a table (6 ft); to say let's Pull Together, Jackson County CWMA and our mascot the star thistle. BLM can pay for these via credit card.
  - Gloves will be ordered by Barbara/USFS
  - Bags: we are counting on Frank and last year's leftovers as the SOLV bags are too small.
  - Bottled water: Bob has secured donations for all sites
  - Tee shirts: Amy will order yellow/golden and use the open flower so that the color shows through. Same number as last year to be ordered. Maybe get some double X.
  - Sign up with SOLV: Amy will do this for everyone since all we want is the umbrella and insurance coverage.
- Sponsorship updates.** EVERYONE NEEDS TO LOOK AT THE LIST AND FOLLOW UP; The deadline for sponsors was extended to May 22. Groups who commit to bringing 3-5 volunteers will be listed as sponsors.
- Party site update.** Bob is working with Armand and will let us know when he needs help. Armand is talking to a couple of bands.
- Booth update.** Amy will follow through with contacts.
- Outreach to volunteers & groups.** Each site leader needs to think about groups that may come out and help their specific site. Contact them now using the sponsor form or the Event poster.
- Outreach PR.**



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### 8. Two levels of this:

- Right now: outreach to groups who might volunteer and sponsors. Use the sponsor form and the event poster; Use Email lists; contact Mark freeman/Paul Fattig Mail trib to see if they might do a feature
- Next meeting: mailing out notices to last year's participants- Amy will make notices and bring to next meeting, Last year's site hosts will mail them out.
- Two weeks before even: Distribute press release to media outlets; post on Craig's list under volunteer; use email lists; distribute posters with your sponsor groups,

**Other: let's get better photos this year!**

<b>Outreach/Ed</b>
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**Weed watcher train the trainer** plan to hold a May informational meeting with key folks (like watershed councils) then plan training at end of June: June 25 6-9 pm.

**Riparian weed info interpretation.** Amy to follow through with Andre.

**Aquatic invasive survey.** Mark reported funding was awarded for the survey through BLM Title II. Mark also reported that BLM so working on a letter to irrigation districts about water milfoil.

**Booths and presentations.** BLM and FS had a joint booth at the Master Gardener fair. Weed presentation is being planned for Tree School South.

**Funding update.** Mark reported that they cannot make an agreement but can help pay for some materials as needed.

**Report to County Natural Resources Advisory Committee.** Molly did an excellent job. Now that the materials and presentation are all ready, we should go to the County Commissioners with a brief report/presentation. Molly volunteered, Amy will look for a time prior to the event. The PowerPoint is in a zip file on the web site for anyone who wants to see it or use it; [www.pacimrcd.org/jacksoncwma](http://www.pacimrcd.org/jacksoncwma)

**Alyssum update.** Molly reported that Ken French is working hard and that the company is cooperating. Approximately 95% of the Alyssum has been treated thus far.

**Garlic mustard.** There are to events planned May 9 and May 16 both from 9-12 at valley of the rogue.

**Russian Sage.** Mike asked folks what they knew as he had heard it being promoted by bee keepers; it may be a weed in neighboring states.



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**Spurge for sale.** Barb saw some at Bi-mart and is in discussions with Bi-mart and ODA to get it removed.

**Next meeting June 2; 10-12 SWCD office**

Agenda items:

- Weed day: Last minute planning
- Weed watcher training update
- BLM funding update
- Riparian weeds interpretation
- Weed updates

Meeting to distribute materials prior to event: **June 18, 9:00 am; all site leaders must attend or send a representative.**

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**Final site list:**

**Host/leader**

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| Denman           | Vince                |
| Prescott         | Barb                 |
| Valley Of Rogue  | Gail/ (Marcia)       |
| Jeff Nat Ctr     | Craig Harper (RVCOG) |
| North Mtn Park   | Linda/Lucy           |
| Upper Table Rock | Molly/Mark           |



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## July 7, 2009 Meeting notes

**Participating:** Molly Sullivan, Barb Mumblo, Mark Mousseaux, Gail Perrotti, Kai Victor, Marcia Wineteer, Frank Baratta, Vickie Simpson, Amy Wilson.

<b>Weed Event 2009</b>
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Analysis of the event:

We reviewed the following details but need more information from other sites.

	Valley of Rogue	Table Rock	Prescott	Jefferson Nature	Denman	North Mountain
Approx. Number volunteers	20	9	12	10	11	11
Acres/area	2.5	4	1	1	?	?
Amount pulled/bagged	Not bagged	12 bags	Not bagged	50 bags	?	?

Weed related outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Valley of the Rogue: Pulled enough first year plants to help protect the native plants from future chemical treatments</li> </ul>
Education related outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Contacted some new volunteers, groups (rafters)</li> </ul>
Overall event good comments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Good timing, and weather</li> <li>o Bear Creek Park offered good public exposure</li> <li>o Excellent media coverage: print before and TV after</li> <li>o Music was good</li> <li>o Many return volunteers, but also many new ones</li> </ul>
Overall could have been better:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Signs were a bit hard to put in the ground</li> <li>o Fewer picnic participants</li> <li>o</li> </ul>
NEXT TIME: (change or continue these thoughts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o maximize the ownership concept of picking spots that people value</li> <li>o Contact more local or associated groups like Prescott Homeowners Assoc. and involve them more</li> <li>o More educational value by providing a scripted overview of weeds that could be delivered by someone who is not necessarily responsible for the logistics</li> <li>o Consider souvenir water bottles instead of bottled water</li> <li>o More smaller raffle prizes</li> <li>o Better tee shirt size selection</li> </ul>

Follow up needed:

- o Thank you letters: Amy will make up a collage and each person who asked for sponsorships will distribute to sponsors.



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- tee-shirts were distributed for folks to share with sponsors; Mark and Mollie took extras to share with volunteers (so ask them if you have occasion to share them appropriately)
- storage of supplies: Frank Barrata volunteered to store the supplies including bags, signs.

### Big Picture

We discussed the overall success of the event and whether or not it met our goals. One factor to consider is that it cost about \$20 per volunteer, not counting our in-kind organizational time. We realized that we did not have specific enough goals to truly evaluate this. If education is our goal, what exactly do we want to get out of it? We considered other models like having volunteers adopt an area and repeatedly come back to it.

We concluded that we all felt a little disappointed that the event had not grown much this year, but we all wanted to try again next year, with more focused goals and more focused outreach in mind.

Planning/ calendar discussion
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We brainstormed activities related to our main goals and mapped them into a calendar year.

### GOALS

1. Education
  - a. Articles
  - b. Targeted outreach
    - i. Watershed areas
    - ii. Groups, like hunters
    - iii. Event specific
  - c. Training
  - d. Other wild ideas:
    - i. Signage on the road side like in eastern Oregon (Wildlife forever possible partner)
    - ii. Have a float in a parade
    - iii. Develop a display that could go in libraries or banks
2. Coordinating treatment
  - a. Monthly exchange of information
  - b. Annual strategy and coordinating session
3. Prevention



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### CALENDAR

<u>JULY</u>		Quarterly news release: boating, recreation? Riparian weeds?
<u>AUG</u>	Education Planning session: discuss who our audience is, what we want them to learn and the most effective way to reach them	
<u>SEPT</u>		
<u>OCT</u>	Annual coordinating meeting to share what we are doing and what we want to get done. Possible funding sources or other resources like NWCYCC crews; identify any private landowner needs/opportunities. EVENTS: North Mountain Park & See our Salmon	Quarterly news release: hunting related: transporting seeds, locating your campsite away from weeds, impact on wildlife if weeds are ignored; ETC
<u>NOV</u>		
<u>DEC</u>		
<u>JAN</u>		
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Other possible items no dates as yet:

Master Stewards course by OSU?

Weed watcher trainings?

Sponsored presentations/speakers such as Ken French or PSU aquatics weeds program?

Green Expo



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### **August 4, 2009 Meeting notes**

**Participating:** Gail Perrotti, Kai Victor, Bob Budes, Len Vaglia, Vickie Simpson, Amy Wilson.

Follow-up to weed pull and last meeting.

Len noted that work at Denman was around 2 acres and about 35 bags of stuff. He also added to the review of the event that outreach/recruitment could have been better. All expenses have been paid. Amy distributed a thank note to those who recruited sponsors and will send out a reminder checklist to the folks who recruited the sponsors asking them to distribute the thank yous.

Discussion on outreach / Education focus for CWMA

We discussed how important it was to think about who our target audience is and what exactly we want them to do as a result of being "educated". The following levels of response to education were discussed: Information, awareness, knowledge, understanding, concern, action.

We looked at the main players in education and outreach related to weeds to evaluate their main targets and the primary results we thought they were aiming for when they were educating about weeds.

<b>Active weed educators</b>	<b>Who they primarily target to educate</b>	<b>What they want the target audience to do</b>
Nature Conservancy	Volunteers	Monitoring, pulling, plant i.d., early detection
BLM/FS	Industry, recreation, other professionals	Prevention, control spread, education
Seven Basins	Volunteers, gen'l public, stakeholders/landowners	Help with "Eradication" or control, EDRR, awareness
Other watershed councils	Public	Awareness
Army Corps of Engineers	Public, users	Prevention
ODA	Public, folks actively involved in weed control treatments (herbicide applicators)	Treatment, certification
Jackson SWCD	Landowners, public	Treatment, management, awareness



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Looking at our table we talked about what efforts are not enough or where we might make more impact while recognizing how our group can work by sharing the workload. More general public education and a need to push other organizations to get more involved in developing programs stood out.

### Best role for CWMA in education and outreach:

1. **Support other groups** – to help them educate their publics; i.e. target watershed Councils to see what materials or assistance they need to do more; study the county to see what areas are not being addressed adequately and look for groups to stimulate.
2. **Clearinghouse/support for technicians & practitioners**– educate peers, share information on latest treatments, bring in speakers
3. **Referral for educational materials** – share and distribute among ourselves and others
4. **Speakers bureau** – make speakers available to interested groups; develop list of groups who might be interested in having a speaker on weeds and contact them
5. **Get others more active** - Encourage groups, municipalities and schools to become more active in education and other weed work
6. **General Awareness outreach** – Look for methods to do more basic awareness outreach like the sign in Central Oregon, developing and distributing more materials that can be used by others

### Outreach/education activities for this year:

1. **Geographically-focused workshop [watershed]** select a watershed in which we would focus our outreach efforts; Seven Basins wants to do this. Focused outreach would be in form of a tailored workshop aimed at landowners and with the hope of getting collaborative or coordinated efforts going.
2. **Symposium** (winter) – aimed at practitioners or the “choir” like watershed council leaders, irrigation districts, agencies, etc.; include component on how they might become more active in weed eradication and education in their domain
3. **General public outreach:** develop some specific activities to reach out to the general public to develop awareness such as these brainstormed ideas:
  - o Billboards- signs like in central Oregon (See attached news item)
  - o Mud flaps for trucks,
  - o hitch-hikin’ spike signs
  - o other materials
  - o placemats for restaurants
  - o television spots? Or short program



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Other topics:

Amy brought up discussion about the MOU and our lack of adherence to the detailed structure, etc in the charter. She suggested that the group consider at the next meeting adopting the Declaration of cooperation format which is more fluid and dynamic and considerably easier for some groups to sign on to. (the Jo County example will be sent out for folks to review and consider for format ideas.)

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### **September 1, 2009 Meeting notes**

**Participating:** Gail Perrotti, Molly Sullivan, Bob Budesa, Mark Mousseaux, Mike Meredith, Barb Mumblo, Marcia Winteer, Amy Wilson.

#### **Follow-up to last meeting.**

Mark noted that BLM has a limited amount of time and budget for education and that they tend to do more for general public (like recreation) than industry. Group discussed how we should look for more ways to include industry, including agriculture, forestry and gravel.

GRAVEL: WEED FREE SOURCES. We decided a feasible goal would be to pursue 'certification' of a public gravel source, (rather than making a goal of try to get all the sources weed free). Start small so we can at least tell people where they can get it if they want it. Agencies could also work toward having their internal sites certifiable. This item needs follow up: does ODA have any criteria? Is there an existing program anywhere? Are there other agencies who could be recruited to help oversee, certify (ODA, ODOT)?

#### **OUTREACH GOALS AND POLICY**

Mark noted that the agencies are not always able to respond to requests to speak and go to events. The following ideas were generated to make more speakers/tables available for events:

1. Develop and promote a speakers bureau list; capitalize on possibility there might be others who can be added to this list.
2. Develop a stock power point presentation that can be 'checked out' or made available on CD or web site.
3. Get a loaner display set up. Funds are available to purchase a table top display that could highlight problem weeds and the generic message of landowners taking responsibility of getting rid of their own weeds. This display could possibly be beefed up to be rotated through other places like libraries and banks.

WEB SITE: Everyone was asked to go to the current web site on the Jackson SWCD page and give feedback on what else there should be and or consider whether or not the CWMA needs its own site. There is a possibility to get a virtual name that would have a redirect to the SWCD page (but we don't know costs or how to do it). Mike volunteered to help keep it up to date if he can.

#### **Memorandum vs. Declaration of cooperation.**



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We discussed pros and cons of the two:

<u>MOU:</u>	<u>Pro:</u>	<u>Con:</u>
It is done and signed		we are not adhering to it well Not inclusive (no new groups)

<u>Declaration of Cooperation: Pro</u>	<u>Con</u>
It is easy to sign	no authority to transfer money
Can add members continually	
It better says what we do	

Amy noted that Josephine county agreement has been trouble free in terms of groups being able to sign and join as they are ready.  
 Bob recommended not reinventing the wheel and using the agreement as is for Jackson County. Folks were asked to look it over and if you have any suggested edits please get them to Amy by next meeting and we can start signing it off then if it is approved by all.

<b>SIGNAGE</b>
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We got information about signs in Deschutes county. Highly visible for general public. Basic message is for individual responsibility to address weeds. The project was funded through USFS, state and Private forestry. We decided it would be a good project to pursue as a group. We had lots of questions for Franck about roads, rights of way, etc and we named Frank a key player (in his absence).

Need to decide:

- How many signs needed
- Where/whose roads: county, state?
- Option of moving them or putting variable message (i.e. space for add on like Fire Dist.
- Funding possibilities: Title II, ODA, Natl Fish and Wildlife Fndn, SWCD?

Keep Oregon Green signs—Mike offered to try to find out how those work)



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## October 6, 2009 Meeting notes

**Participating:** Gail Perrotti, Molly Sullivan, Bob Budesa, Frank Barratta, Len Vaglia, Amy Wilson.

### Review Declaration of Cooperation.

We reviewed the final draft of the declaration. Molly suggested adding a specific mention of the early detection program to the goals and objectives. We agreed to send it out and give people a short turn around to provide any last minute edits. Then if no edits are proposed, folks can proceed to get signatures from their groups, etc.

### County Update

Frank reported that CW Smith had received some complaints about weeds not being adequately treated by the county. We reflected that this was good and bad—good that there is recognition of the problem and bad of course because there are weeds. We discussed the possibility of using the new Declaration signing as an opportunity to go before the commissioners and give an update on the CWMA and a report on the status of weed treatment summarizing the agencies involved in the CWMA. This might be possible some time in November. Amy will pass along the declaration and ask if that would be possible.

### Community Justice Work on weeds

We got a request for help with weeds on private land. The person suggested using Community Justice and this brought up the possibility of trying to make that available to people. Group discussed that this might be a useful tool for the weed control tool box. The CWMA could help with screening the threat and priority of the weeds and possibly the SWCD or some other group could be the administrative hub to make it work for Community Justice who are not usually able to contract with private landowners. Initial inquiries should be made to see if it is a possibility. [Possible criteria: severity of weed threat to natural areas or public lands, weed species and level of concern about it, public benefit, etc.].

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Folks shared information about their treatments this year and plans for next year. The specific information for planned work will be captured on the spreadsheet.

### Siskiyou Restorations:

Bob Budesa and son Jeff working on contract have accomplished the following:

- o Jacksonville Woodlands & cemetery 30 ac
- o Jacksonville roadsides/puncture vine 5 ac



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- Butte Falls BLM 25 ac
- Wild and scenic part of Rogue River on BLM 327 ac (!!)
- Biological controls for puncture vine 4 sites
- Weed talks in Applegate, Eagle Point, etc. 4 events
- SPECIES: purple loosestrife, yellow star thistle, yellow flag iris, Japanese knotweed, diffuse knotweed, meadow knotweed, puncture vine, scotch broom.

### **Seven Basins Watershed Council:**

- Garlic mustard work continues, OPRD has budgeted some funding and they think they have adequate support for the work they have planned
- Scotch broom work was complete on Holcomb springs and more is planned for next year
- Unsure of status of work on Japanese knotweed on sardine Creek as BLM was in charge on that
- Released some bio controls for star thistle, purple loosestrife and scotch broom
- Knapweed; some patches like near W Evans creek at elementary school on walking path
- Some meadow knapweed on Bear Branch Road, but don't have working relations with residents yet
- Planning to map scotch broom and tackle the scotch broom left on Holcomb springs

### **The Nature Conservancy**

- Manage approximately 400 acres of preserves, this year also worked on weed management plans for Klamath Falls
- Weeds commonly managed for include: curly dock, wild oats, Italian thistle, star thistle,
- Concerned about cut leaf teasel which seems to be expanding from Table Rock Rd area
- Lucy Whitewridge helped Tania from TNC develop laminated weed id booklets which are held together by a clip so new pages are easy to add. Molly passed out copies to everyone and said they have more available.

### **Jackson County Roads Department**

Frank reported that their work is confined to the right of way area. This year they had only one employee on a regular basis to treat weeds.

- Puncture vine is a high priority with hot spots on Sterling Creek, at the Josephine county line on Applegate highway and on the greenway, Green Heron Park in Phoenix is covered in it!
- A huge volunteer day was held on the greenway with around 800 people many of whom did weed work.
- Canada thistle is also on the Greenway
- St John's wort seems to be exploding
- Also concerned about Russian thistle



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- Skeleton weed is almost beyond control—it is everywhere
- Meadow knapweed have tried some biological control
- Japanese’s knotweed is very hard to kill; half the sites are controlled, but half are still there
- Scotch broom is being controlled in right of way only
- Total treatment 1200 acre of pre-emergent on over 1000 miles of road side; 400 acres of puncture vine treated
- Next year or two years out hoping to improve pre-emergent program which currently does not catch all the weeds we’re worried about (puncture vine and Russian thistle are not hit hard enough with current mix)

### **Corps of Engineers/Lost Creek**

- This was most intense year for weed control with lots of spraying
- A couple of events used volunteers
- In Elk Creek the scotch broom has been mostly controlled; Elk Creek moves into an operations project in 2011 having been mothballed and not actively managed for all these years while the dam was in limbo—now it will be re-purposed with lots of public meetings, etc.

### Next Agenda:

1. **Share education materials**
2. Continuation of sharing accomplishments and work plans: BLM & FS
3. Signage?
4. Making Community Justice available for private landowners- follow-up discussion
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## November 3, 2009 Meeting notes

**Participating:** Gail Perrotti, Molly Sullivan, Len Vaglia, Amy Wilson.

With a small turnout, we focused our attention on preparing for the presentation to the County.

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We listed weeds of concern:

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|-----------------|---|
| Garlic mustard  | Japanese knotweed                           |
| Skeleton weed   | Yellow floating heart                       |
| Dyers woad      | Puncture vine—this weed may be too far gone |
| Meadow knapweed |   |
| Scotch broom    |   |

**Opportunities & needs t the County level**

- Gravel pits. If we could improve the situation here we can reduce spread of new weeds
- Recreation areas. Reduce impact to natural areas and chance that people take it home
- Development and Construction. Tighten up standards and contract requirements

**Watershed –focused event**

Reschedule to March 11th.

**Weeds and fuels reduction**

Another request and opportunity has presented itself for this brochure. Amy volunteered to draft something.

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