

Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland

2015 Invasive Plant Accomplishments

The Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland Invasive Plant Program had a very successful year. Prevention, control, surveying, and working with partners remain the focus. Highlights include:

- Implemented an integrated strategy to control/contain 4,080.7 acres of invasive plants and conducted 3,156 acres of monitoring.
- Continued implementing Invasive Plant Treatment EIS which includes the use of herbicides, an EDRR strategy, and developing treatment prescriptions for each site that are approved by a Forest Invasives IDT.
- 885 acres surveyed and 200 acres treated within Ochoco Divide Research Natural Area for invasives.
- Completed invasive plant surveys and manual treatments in Bridge Creek Wilderness, with approximately 60 acres of invasive plants inventoried, and 48 acres treated.
- Inspected over 49 NFS and commercial mineral sources for invasive plants and treated as needed or cleared source for use on forest projects.
- Completed 1,445 acres of invasive plant surveys and 15 acres of EDRR treatments in the Fox and Bailey Butte fire areas
- 550 acres of weed surveys were completed in project areas.
- Over 275 people were reached through public meetings, educational programs, and field trips.



Fig. 1 BAER assessment of scablands infested with *Ventenata*, Corner Creek Fire.

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Fig. 2 Invasive Plant Program Manager Sarah Callaghan, Paulina Ranger District Botanist Jill Welborn, and volunteer Margaret Marshall at the Ochoco National Forest invasive plant informational table at the 2015 Deschutes County Master Gardener's Spring Seminar.

2015 Accomplishments

Acres treated = 4,080.7

Total USFS Funding = \$320,738

Partners/Cooperators: 13

Northwest Youth Corps, Heart of Oregon Corps/AmeriCorps /Youth Conservation Corps, Jefferson County Weed Control, Wheeler SWCD, Crook County Weed Control, Crooked River Weed Management Area, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), Middle Deschutes Watershed Council, Powell Butte Community Charter School, Jefferson CO SWCD, FANS, Oregon Natural Desert Association

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