

St. Joe GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Forest-wide Goal 1c: Forest Health – increase the amount of forest restored to or maintained in a healthy condition with reduced risk and damage from fires, insects and diseases, and invasive species.

○ **Weed Risk**

Desired Condition Statement	<p><u>Forest and Overall Vegetative Health will be maximized through management of weeds and invasive species:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prevent new invasions of noxious and invasive weeds ○ Reclaim areas infested with invasive/noxious species ○ Encourage a weed free environment by providing hay stations ○ Better signing and enforcement for weed free hay ○ Proactive planting (ie redstem ceanothus) and manipulation (burning, fuels reduction) of native vegetation to benefit wildlife habitat ○ Forest Service should coordinate with adjacent landowners and agencies to control and or reduce noxious weeds, etc. ○ Control/manage noxious weeds prior to entering special designation areas. (ie wilderness and research natural areas) for management. ○ Promote biological weed control when possible without excluding other methods.
Identify Priority Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mallard Larkins and Research Natural Areas ● Areas on FS administered land that is adjacent to private land that is uninfested. ● St. Joe River corridor
Describe why this is a priority	<p>Important wildlife forage areas. Empahsis on planting to desirable species to prevent weeds, native ground cover.</p>