

Offenders Serve Their Sentences and Communities on Sheriff's Work Crew

As part of the Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew program, groups of offenders served their sentences as well as their communities by cleaning campgrounds and removing invasive weeds. The Work Crew serviced several areas on the Cottage Grove Ranger District, in southwestern Oregon's Umpqua National Forest. Work included the high-priority removal of a stand of Scotch broom, a tough and resilient invasive weed. The program benefits the area by providing needed manual labor for public lands, while freeing up space in penitentiaries. Offenders benefit too by gaining job skills and learning accountability, work ethic, and cooperation with team members. The program is funded in part by Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, which supports regional economies by funding improvement projects on public lands. The Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew program has been funded yearly by Title II since 2003.



Project Stats: Lane County Sheriff's Work Crew

Total funding: \$666,724
Employs: Lane Co. Sheriff's Crew staff
Project: Control of Noxious Weeds
Year awarded: 2003 - 2012

2012 projects:

- Low Elevation Scotch Broom/Blackberry Treatment
- Blackberry Removal Along Forest Road 17
- Campground Maintenance
- Scotch Broom Removal From Blodgett Creek Road
- Removal of Scotch Broom From Forest Rd. 129



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