

# *Forest Service Invasive Plant Activities*

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# *2014 Highlights*

## National

- Draft Invasive Species Handbook
- New Invasive Species Framework 2013  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/invasivespecies/>

## ODOT

- Implementing MOU, treating weeds on ROW, ODOT providing pesticide use reports

## BPA

- Received assistance from BPA to treat orange hawkweed in powerline ROW!!

# *Improving Wilderness Treatments*

Wilderness Weed Plan prepared on the  
Umpqua NF



Spraying weeds in Wilderness Areas on the  
Umatilla with backpack sprayers

# *Yellowtuft Alyssum*

- Yellowtuft alyssum working group
  1. Received 2013 FS National Invasive Species Award
  2. Receiving OISC “Ten Fingers in the Dike” Award



*Ribbongrass & Yellowflag Iris  
Treatment on the Metolius  
River!*



# Other Weeds



Linda Cartwright  
treating garlic  
mustard



DEAD European  
beach grass!



Treating indigo bush in  
Columbia River Gorge  
National Scenic Area



*FS Invasive Plant Manager of  
the Year (2013)*

Dean McFetridge  
(Okanogan-Wenatchee NF)

- Provided input to “Majestic Methow”  
Treasured Landscapes campaign  
resulting in corporate sponsorship of  
invasive plant treatments on Methow RD

# *Partnerships!*

- FS cooperates with >425 different partners.



Northwest Youth Corp pulling spotted knapweed on Highway 20.

# *Research Partnerships*

## FS-Pesticide Impact Analysis Program

- Aminopyralid / wet meadow / rare species
  - Harrington, et al. (2014) Invasive Plant Science and Management: January-March 2014, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 14-24.
- Imazapyr / Oregon spotted frog
  - No toxic effects, no difference in behavior or food consumption, no difference in condition

# *Status of Forest NEPA*

- Wallowa-Whitman NF draft supplemental EIS due out in Feb. 2015
- Malheur NF EIS being finalized, completing ESA consultation, new partnerships formed
- Willamette riparian invasive EA completed
- Aminopyralid - streamlining processes to add to more forests' toolbox – keep up the pressure!!

# *Recent Accomplishments*

Year	Total Acres
2009	<b>45,000</b>
2010	<b>61,100</b>
2011	<b>56,200</b>
2012	<b>53,000</b>
2013	<b>44,700</b>
2014	<b>55,000</b>

Exceeded assigned target  
in 2014

32,200 acres (~60%) of  
acreage is in Oregon

# *RISIT*



Sampling for medusahead, prior to juniper treatment on the Crooked River National Grassland.

## Regional Invasive Species Issue Team

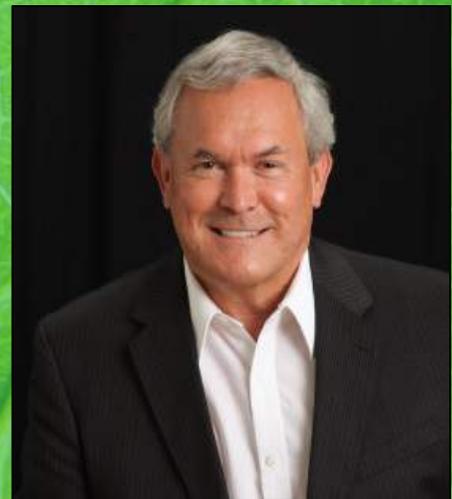
- All staffs represented
- Asked to review medusahead problem
- Discussions, field review, recommendations to Forest Supervisor
- Resulted in new direction to the field

# *Monitoring*

- Monitoring shows good compliance with Forest Service best management practices and other management direction
- Water monitoring of Metolius River detected no imazapyr in water

# Challenges

- Weed Free Forage
  - Need more agencies to join the program for long-term success
- Yellow floatingheart EA on Umpqua NF stalled due to “higher priorities”
- Doug is retiring!!



# *Assistance to State and Private Lands*

- Decline in Federal budget has resulted in decline in S&P funds to ODA
- Impacts sub-grants
- R6 supplements funding from headquarters



*Dalmatian toadflax*

*Questions?*

