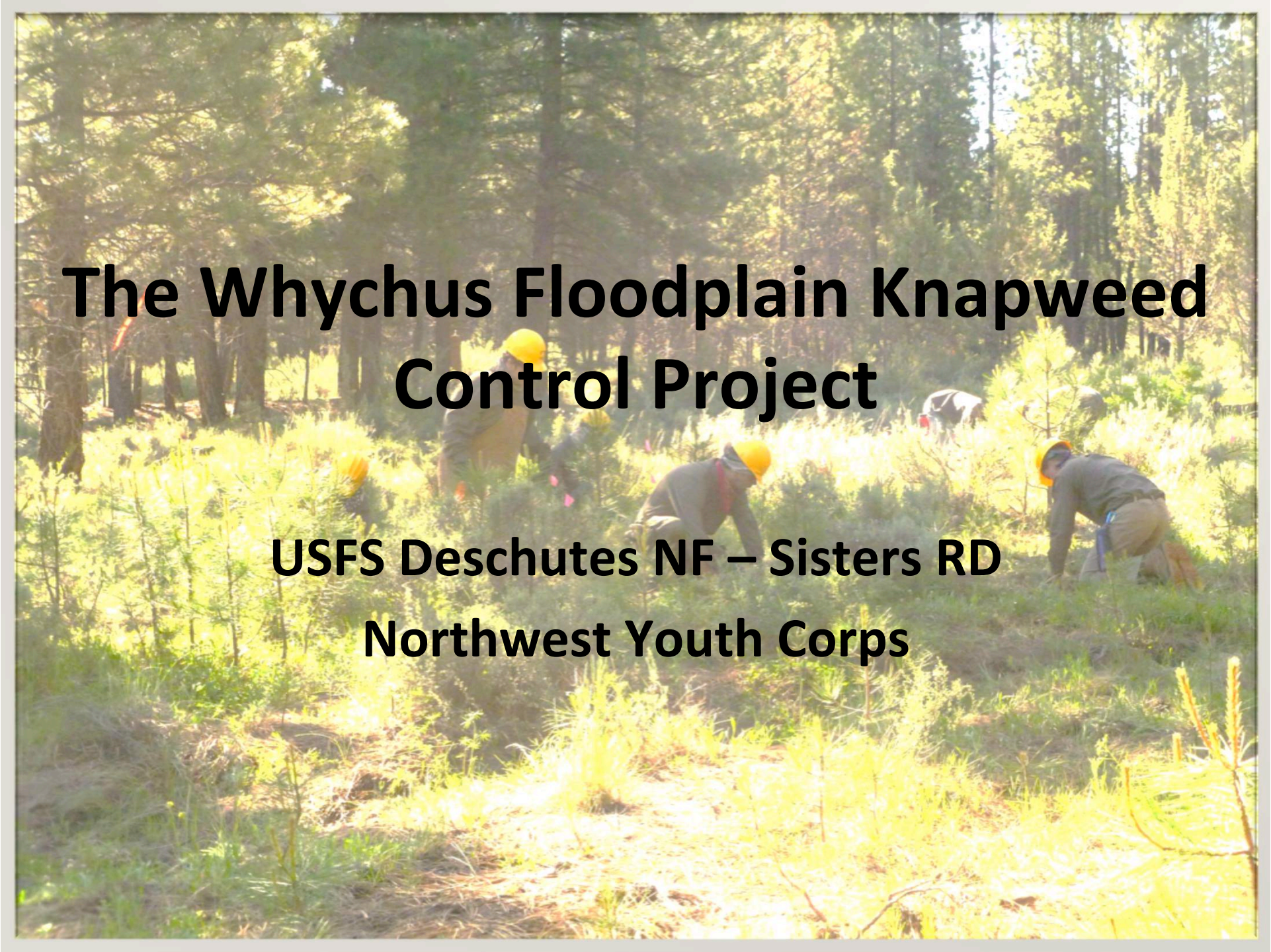

The Whychus Floodplain Knapweed Control Project

USFS Deschutes NF – Sisters RD

Northwest Youth Corps

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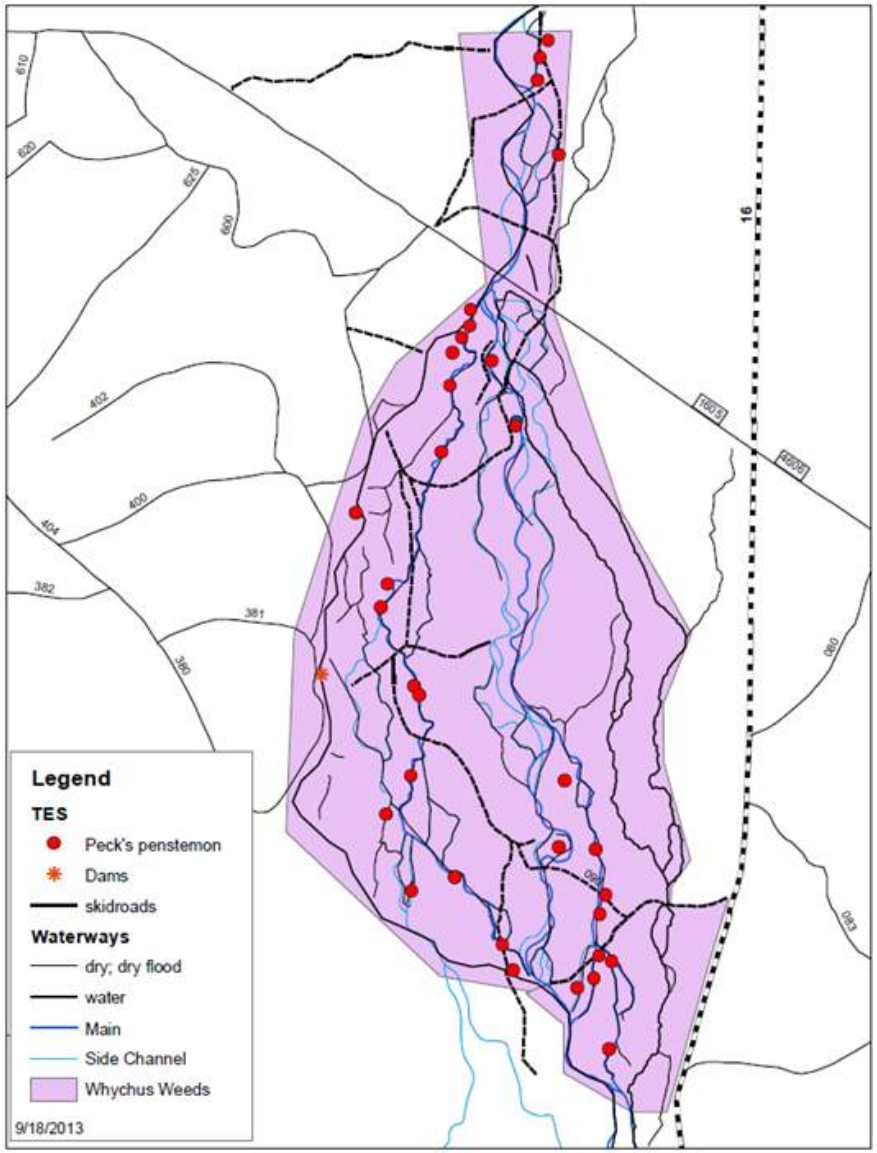
- Non-Profit based in Eugene
- Founded in 1984
- Largest Youth Conservation Corps on West Coast
- Projects in OR, WA, ID, CA, and AZ.

NYC

- Most Programs serve youth aged 16-19
- Crews lead by two Adult Crewleaders
- 10,144 Oregon youth since 2001
- 17,000+ graduates worldwide since 1984

Initial Project Goals

- 100 net acres; 250 gross Acres Tx
- Improve overall watershed health for fish habitat
- Improve habitat for Peck's penstemon.
- Locate and Tx infestations while they are small to improve the effectiveness of weed control
- Improve native forage habitat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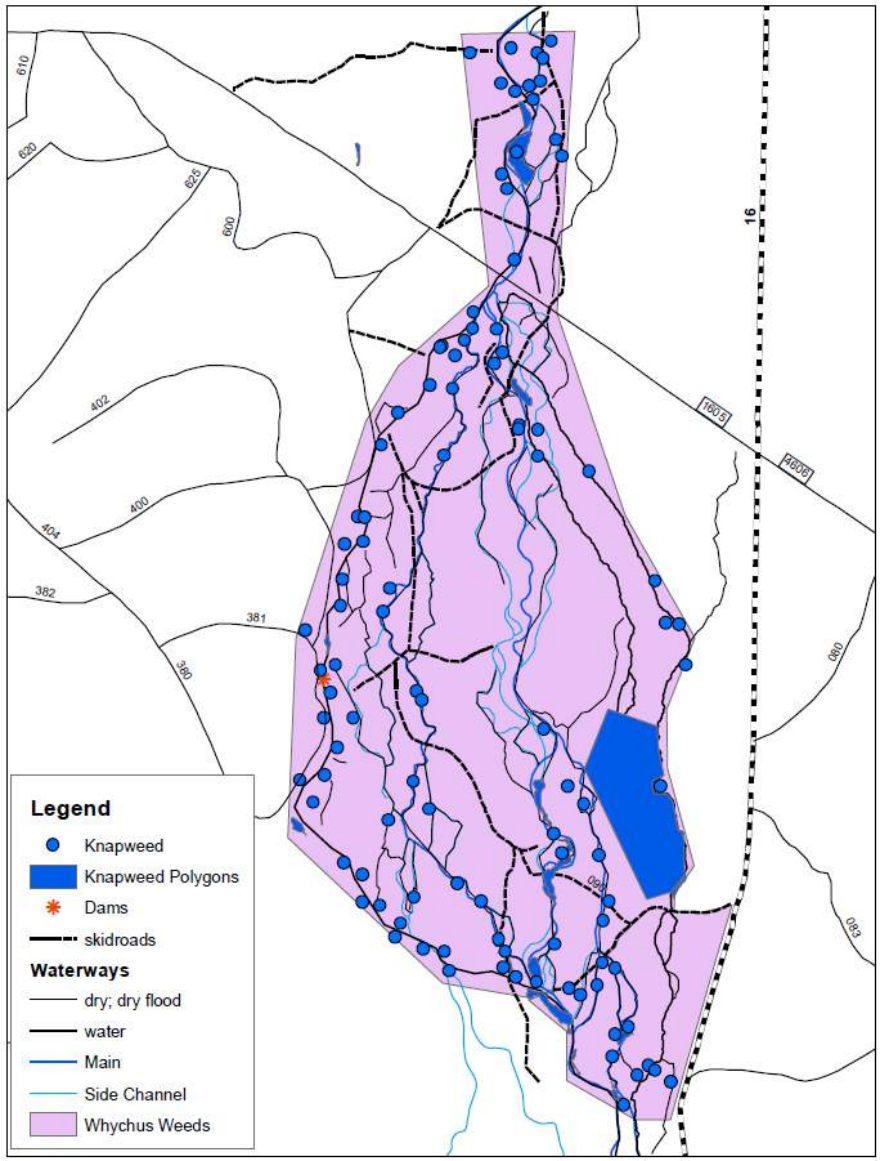
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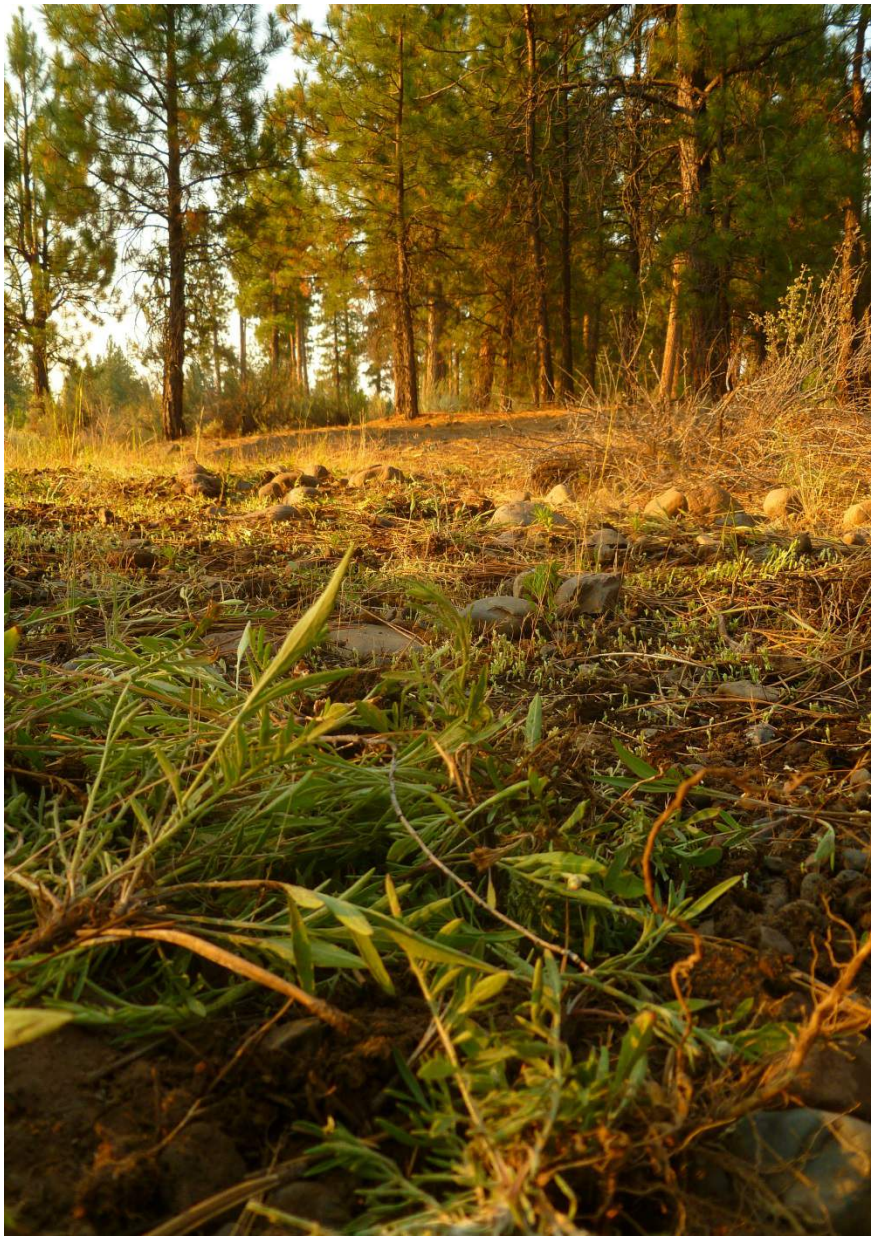
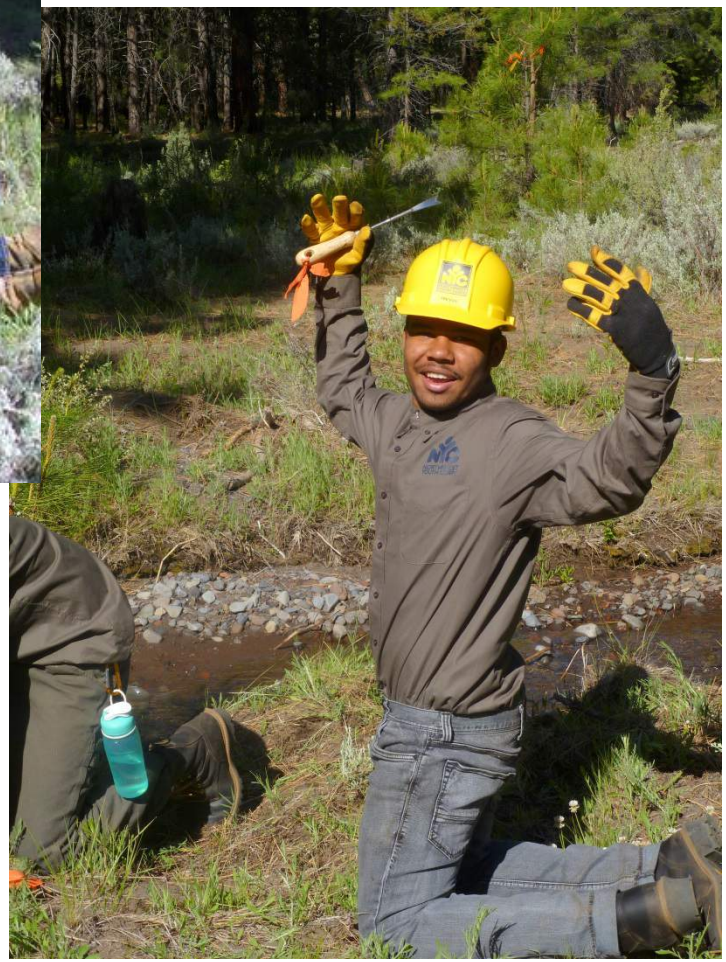
Outcomes

- 3 Crews, 1,980 hours
- 280 acres @ 71 sites
- Tx Est. 95% Effective
- 30 youth served
- 6 staff employed
- 135 Hrs of Education



Youth benefits from project

- Hands on Experience of and exposure to conservation efforts in the state and region
- One on one education with USFS representatives
- Development of future stewards and voting body



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