

# Let's Pull Together



**A NOXIOUS WEED ERADICATION EVENT**



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# A Brief History



**ONCE UPON A TIME ON MY STREET**

**2003 CITY OF BEND**

**2004 DESCHUTES COUNTY**

**2006 TRI COUNTY**

**2008 STATE WIDE**

# Proclamation



- Whereas, the natural beauty and property values of our County must be preserved against the widespread threat of invasive plants, known as noxious weeds; and
- Whereas, we recognize the need to re-establish native plant communities where noxious weeds are replacing our native biodiversity; and
- Whereas, the education and participation of Deschutes County citizens is essential in our struggle against noxious weeds; and
- Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has previously declared Deschutes County a Weed Control District under Oregon Law; and
- Now, Therefore, we, the members of the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare the third week in June as Noxious Weed Awareness Week in Deschutes County from this day forward, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

# Pulling Together



- **Weed Boards**
- **Local Government**
- **Sponsors and Partners**
- **Businesses**
- **Unlikely Allies**
- **Our Support Crew**
- **Coordinators**
- **Dignitaries**
- **Our Volunteers**



# Location, location, location

- County owned easements
- City owned easements
- School District owned properties
- Park District owned properties
- Irrigation District owned properties
- Public Properties
- Private Properties



# Our Volunteers



- Are typically unfamiliar with what makes a plant a noxious weed
- Are generally concerned about our environment
- Spread the word about noxious plants to friends, neighbors
- Join us year after year
- Are voters

# Elementary School Kids





# Middle School Kids



# High School Kids



# Employees



# Families



# Neighbors



# Church Groups



# City and County Employees



# Dignitaries





# The Tools



## Volunteers



## Experts



# Embracing all the tools in the box



## Environmental



## Chemical



# Fun with Polarization



**WHEN WORKING AMONGST  
POLARIZED POSITIONS WHILE  
SEEKING SOLUTIONS**

**DROP POSITIONS AND GO FOR  
OUTCOMES**

## Sci-Fi Premise The Theme

Post-apocalyptic  
story

Triffid seeds were  
spread world-wide  
when introduced  
outside of the  
Soviet Union

A central  
problem made  
worse by  
human  
bickering



# Education



- Let's Pull Together
- Financial Assistance
- Roadside Adoption
- Weed Free Forage
- Native Seed Bank
- The Weed Wagon



# The Weed Wagon



But still, we asked our volunteers,  
what could we do to make this  
event better?



**UM, BEER?**



# And a party?



**With free lunch**

**and a band!**





# And Really Cool Stuff

## Like Prizes

- Golf Trips
- Spa Trips
- Fly Fishing Trips
- Rafting Trips
- Gift Certificates
- Stuff for the kids!

## And a custom tee



# And to celebrate a good days work



## With Friends



## And Neighbors



# Noxious Weed Education



## **A COMMUNITY BUILDING ENDEAVOR**

**(CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A PARTY AT THE PARK)**

# Our Future



**ONCE UPON A TIME ON YOUR STREET**



**CONTROL  
NOXIOUS  
WEEDS**



**IT'S YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY**

















Blakely  
Park

Bend Metro  
Park & Recreation  
District





FOOTBALL  
RAIDERS

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COACH

Coca-Cola

CAPTAIN

REBOUND  
PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC

Recycling  
Safety  
We're All  
the Treasure  
Recycling  
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# Educational Weed Wagon

Central Oregon Tri-County



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TRAIL RIDE









# CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

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RESPONSIBILITY**



TRAILER WORLD  
241 980 ROAD  
PUNICHA  
**CARGO MATE**  
CARGOMATE TRAILER































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# The End



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