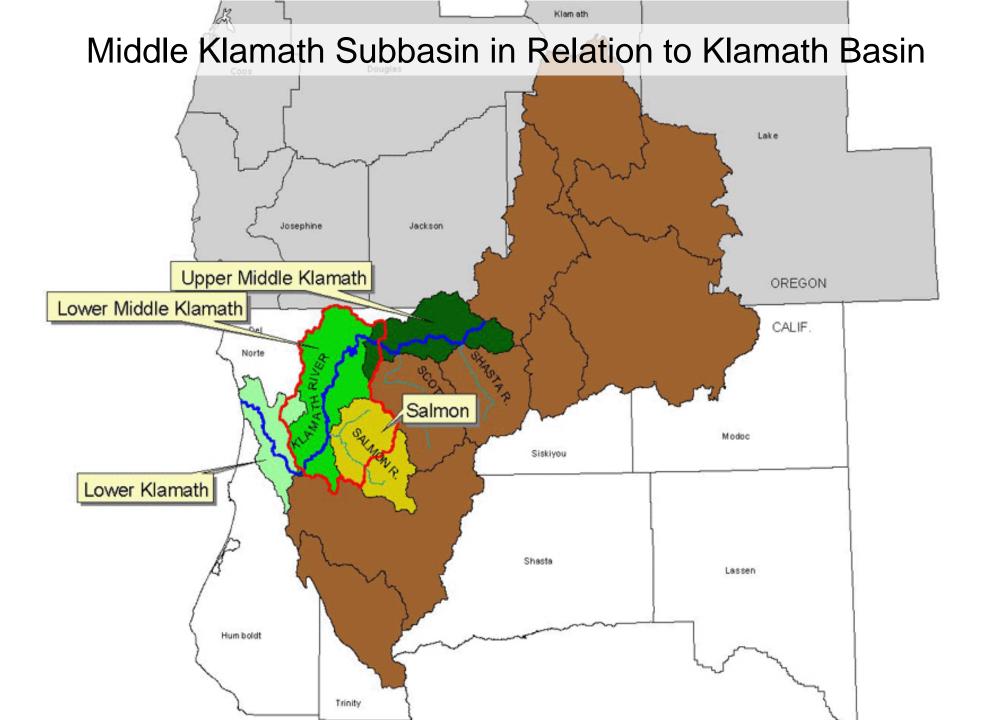
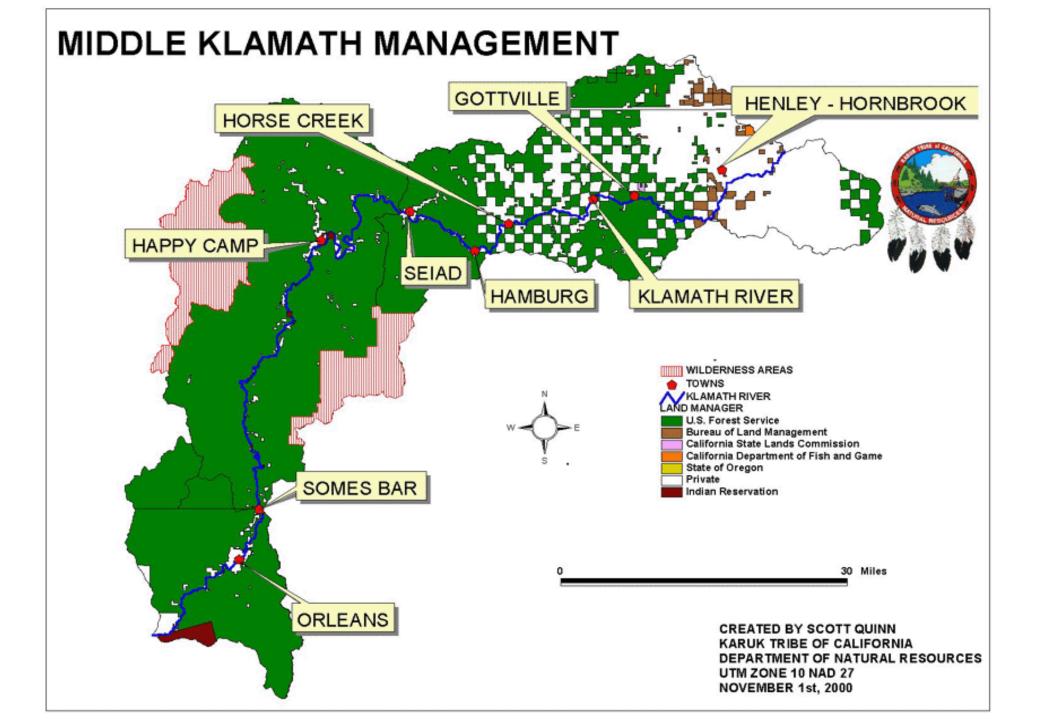
## Mid Klamath Watershed Council

#### A collaborative approach to invasive weeds management

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#### Mid Klamath Watershed Council Vision & Mission

- We envision the diverse communities of the Klamath Basin working together to restore our watershed resources to their historic abundance and function so that our children and their children will have the opportunity to live here with sustainable livelihoods.
- The mission of the Mid Klamath Watershed Council is to collaboratively plan and implement watershed restoration, coordinate education on land management issues, and promote community vitality by operating a community center and creating sustainable local economic opportunities.

#### Mid Klamath Watershed Council Programs

- Fisheries
- Fire & Fuels
- Foodsheds
- Watershed Education
- Native Plants
- Roads
- Panamnik Building & Community
- Invasive Weeds Management



## Invasive Weeds Management Program



#### Invasive Weeds Management Program Goals

- to effectively and safely manage invasive plant species throughout the mid-Klamath region.
  - prevent the establishment of new invasive species
  - to control and eradicate targeted species already present in the area



#### Invasive Weeds Management Program Methods

- regional collaboration with agencies, tribes and organizations
- emphasize community involvement and education
- Utilize non-toxic management of invasive weeds
  - Manual removal
  - Mulching
  - Early detection/rapid response
  - Mapping/inventory



### Mid Klamath Regional Weeds Management Collaborative

- Six Rivers National Forest
  - Orleans Ranger District
- Klamath National Forest
  - Ukonom & Happy Camp
- Yurok Tribe
- Karuk Tribe
- Hoopa Tribe
- Salmon River Restoration Council
- California Department of Transportation













#### Mid Klamath Regional Weeds Management Collaborative What we do

- Plan collaborative workdays
- Discuss and Divide tasks
- Prioritize treatment and species
- Discuss current and future funding
  - Submit collaborative grant proposals







## **Invasive Weeds Projects**

Klamath River

Upslope

Wilderness



#### Klamath River

Goal: to eradicate and control species that are isolated to the Klamath River riparian area.



#### Klamath River Targeted species

- Oblong spurge
- Leafy spurge
- Spotted knapweed
- Meadow knapweed
- Dalmatian toadflax
- Perennial pepperweed





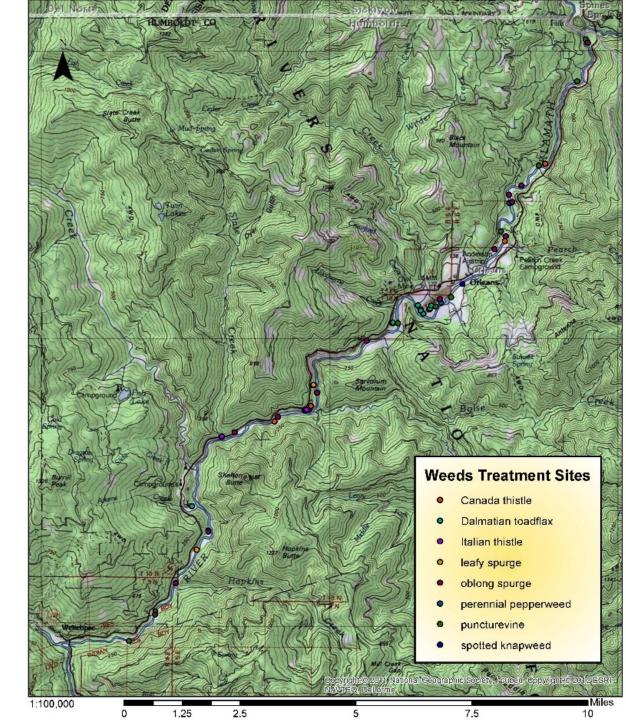






#### Klamath River Volunteer Workdays





#### Upslope

Goal: to eradicate isolated populations of prioritized species and to reduce weeds in our communities.

#### Upslope Targeted species

- Knapweeds
- Brooms
- Yellow starthistle
- Dyer's woad
- Italian thistle
- Plumeless thistle











#### Upslope Methods

- Volunteer workdays
- School field trips
- Summer youth crew
- Forest Service agreements
  - Six Rivers priority sites
  - BAER

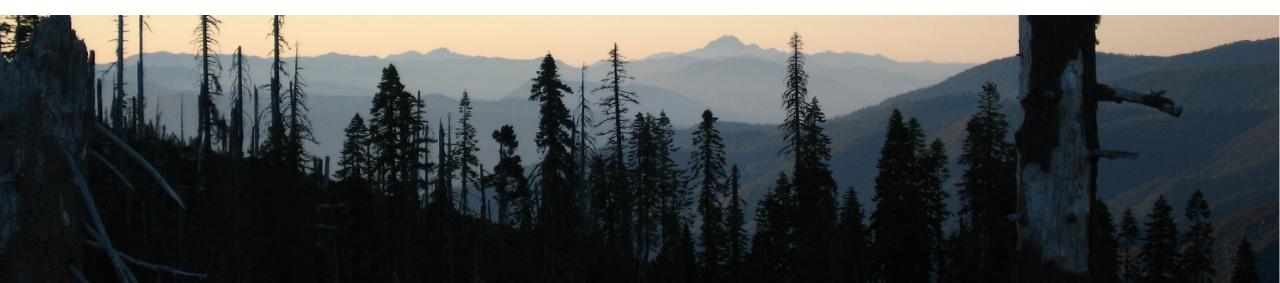


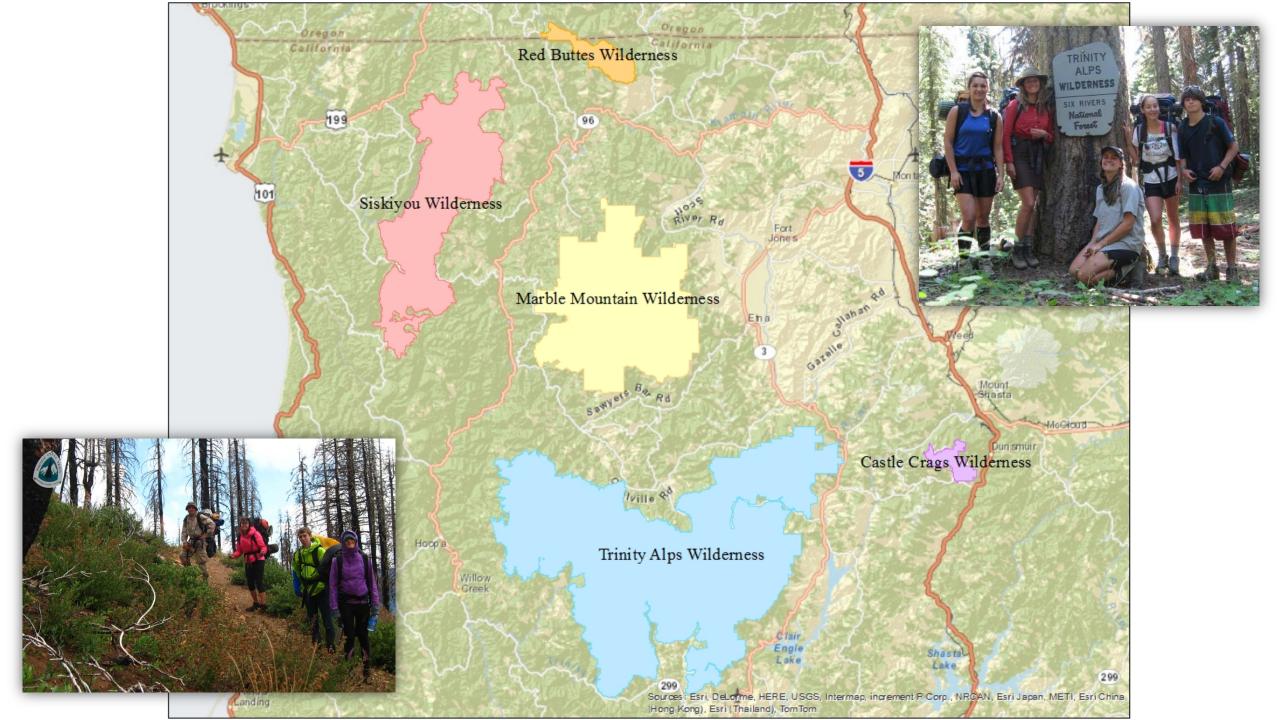




#### Wilderness

• Goal: to seek out, eradicate and control harmful non-native invasive plants in the high country





#### Wilderness Species

- Any priority species
  - Rated or prioritized by CDFA, WMA, Cal-IPC, USFS
- Non-native plants considered invasive

- Mostly see
  - St. John's wort (all wilderness areas)
  - Bull thistle (all wilderness areas)
  - Perennial sweet pea (Trinity Alps)
  - Cheat grass (Trinity Alps)
  - Meadow knapweed (Siskiyou)





#### Wilderness Youth Crew

- Plant ID
- Backcountry skills
- GPS/mapping skills

#### Wilderness Partners

- National Forest Foundation
- National Forests
  - Klamath
  - Six Rivers
  - Shasta-Trinity
  - Rogue River-Siskiyou
- Salmon River Restoration Council

## Invasive Weeds Management Program

Synopsis



# Invasive Weeds Management Program

- 2004 it all begins! with community volunteer workdays
- 2005-present meadow knapweed in Weitchpec
- 2007 the Mid Klamath Regional Weeds Management Collaborative forms and meets annually
- 2007-present USFS priority sites in Orleans & Ukonom RDs
- 2009-2011 Invasive weeds BAER for 2008 Ukonom & Siskiyou Fires
- 2010-2014 Klamath Wilderness Inventory Project
- 2012-present comprehensive mapping of the Humboldt co. portion of the mid-Klamath River expands river work
- 2014 emphasis returns to community workdays

#### Work with Six Rivers National Forest

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#### **MKWC Site statistics**

TOTAL number of site visits in all of MKWC's history
# of SITE_IDs for which MKWC is the treater
# of SITE_IDs that have received more than 1 visit
# of SITE_IDs with downward trends

Maximum # visits to any site	8
Average # visits	2.17
Maximum # plants ever	100000
Average # plants per site	1029

In Fiscal Year 2014:

Maximum # plants	2454
Average # plants per SITE_ID	253
# SITE_IDs that were NF	4

In Fiscal Year 2014, # plants present	# sites
0-20	21
21-50	4
51-100	3
101-500	5
501-100000	7





### Ideas for the future

- Continue and expand joint projects with SRRC and Tribes
- Extend upriver assist Happy Camp RD priorities
- Expand community volunteer efforts into all river communities
- Any suggestions?



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