

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

REGULAR AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Sophie DeGroot, Noxious Weed Control Coordinator

DATE: February 24, 2025

SUBJECT: Noxious Weeds Report – 2024 & 2025

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

The Noxious Weed Coordinator would like to come before the BoCC to present on February 24.

ANALYSIS:

As a yearly check-in, Sophie DeGroot would like to present the details of some projects completed in 2024, as well as discuss workplans and goals for the 2025 season.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This presentation will have no fiscal impact on the County.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the BoCC hears this presentation.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

JEFFERSON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

BoCC Presentation

Sophie DeGroot
Noxious Weed Coordinator
February 24, 2025

OVERVIEW

- Mission Statement
- 2024 Snapshot
- Meet the Crew
- Fort Worden
- State Parks
- PUD
- County Roads
- Weed-Free
- Looking Forward - 2025

OUR MISSION

To protect lands within Jefferson County from the degrading impacts of noxious weeds by educating residents, property owners, land managers, and public agencies in how to serve as responsible stewards and aid in the protection and preservation of the land, water, and natural resources.

2024 SNAPSHOT

295

acres treated
up 96%

70

county road miles spot treated

31

acres of poison hemlock
controlled within PT

1,040

resident interactions
up 160%

1,750

WCC member hours

460

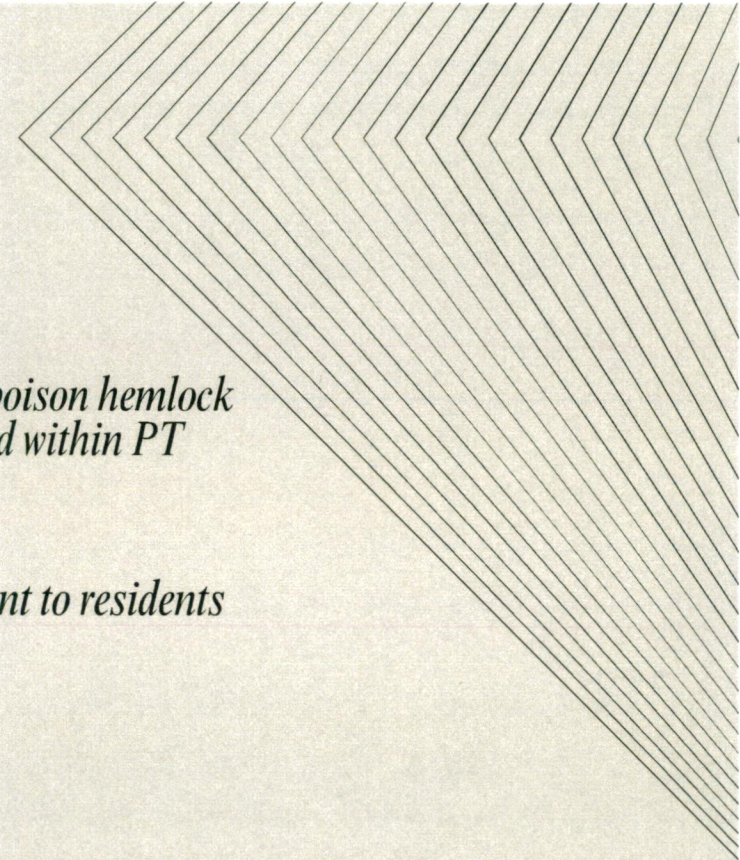
letters sent to residents
up 206%

11,125

lbs of Scotch broom
removed from the
PUD corridor

250

Road miles surveyed
up 25%



MEET THE CREW

In 2024, we had one seasonal crew member, Alexa, and two WCC Crews



CITY OF PT

31 acres of poison
hemlock controlled

- yellow archangel
- milk thistle
- knotweed
- old man's beard
- spotted knapweed



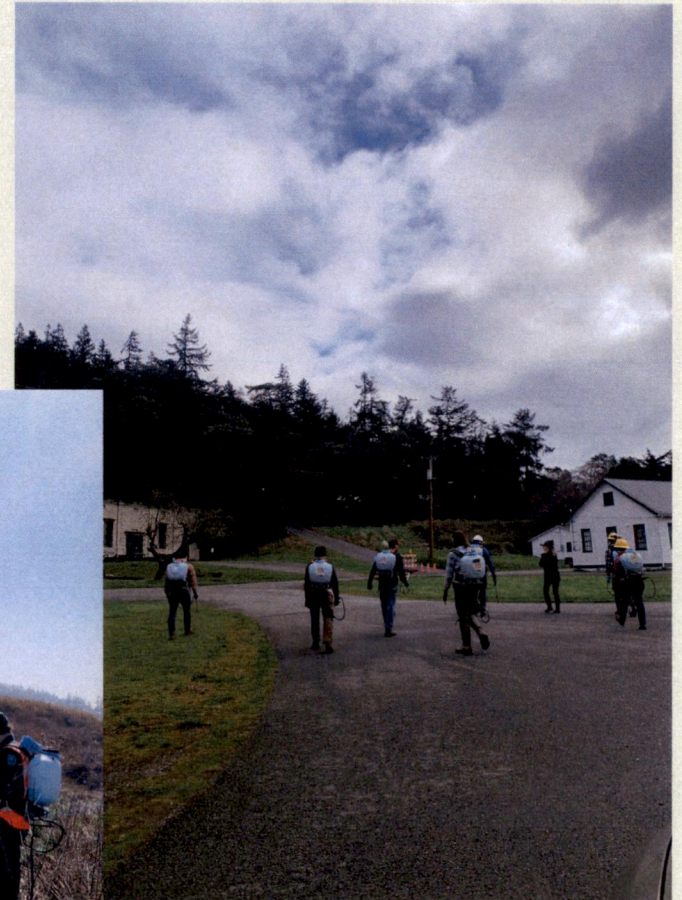
FORT WORDEN

4th year of contract

22.65 acres of poison hemlock controlled with chemical & manual treatments

other weeds include:

- spurge laurel
- yellow archangel
- holly
- canada thistle
- old man's beard



STATE PARKS

12 State Parks in JeffCo

Anderson Lake:

- 1-acre wild chervil
- 52-acres of holly

Fort Flagler:

- 2 acres of poison hemlock

Fort Townsend:

- 12-acres of holly

Dosewallips:

- 60-acres of knotweed



SOLID WASTE FACILITY

3 acres of poison
hemlock

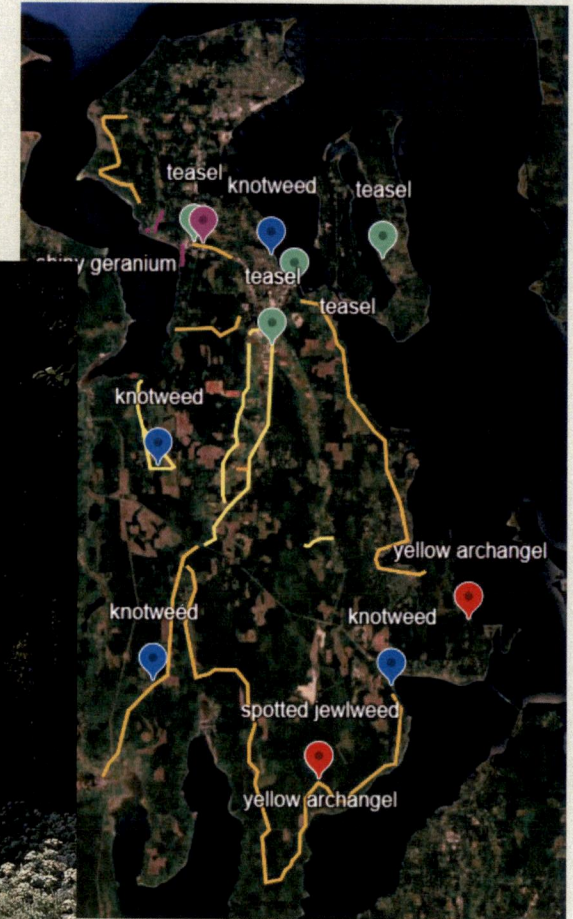
3.5 acres of spotted
knapweed



COUNTY ROADS

70 county road
miles treated in
East Jeff Co

- wild chervil
- wild basil
- sulfur cinquefoil
- knotweed
- spotted knapweed



PUD

18 working days

6 acres

11,125# of Scotch broom removed



WEED-FREE INSPECTIONS

2 private pits inspected

County/City pits continue
to be inspected
-plans in place to start
getting them treated as
funding allows



2025 SNAPSHOT



350
acres

135
road miles treated

2.15
staff

6 CONTRACTS

State Parks, PUD, Public Works, Fort Worden, City of PT, Forest Service

TITLE II FUNDING

\$27,500 to work with the forest service

PARTNERSHIPS

WCC, Clallam County, Mason County, Kitsap County, NOSC, HCSEG, State Parks, Forest Service, City of PT,

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Farmers Markets, Connectivity Fair, Homeshow, Quilcene Fair, Brinnon Shrimp Fest, Garden Club Presentations, Neighborhood outreach, County Presentations



Thank you

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