

JEFFERSON COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD

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OVERVIEW

- Highlights from 2023
- 2024 Goals
- Noxious Weed Free Gravel Program



2023 SNAPSHOT

- 150 acres controlled for noxious weeds
- 200 miles surveyed
- 156 outreach letters
- 400+ landowner interactions
- 5 Contracts with public agencies
- Worked with 2 AmeriCorps Crews
- Partnered with Clallam County Weed Board



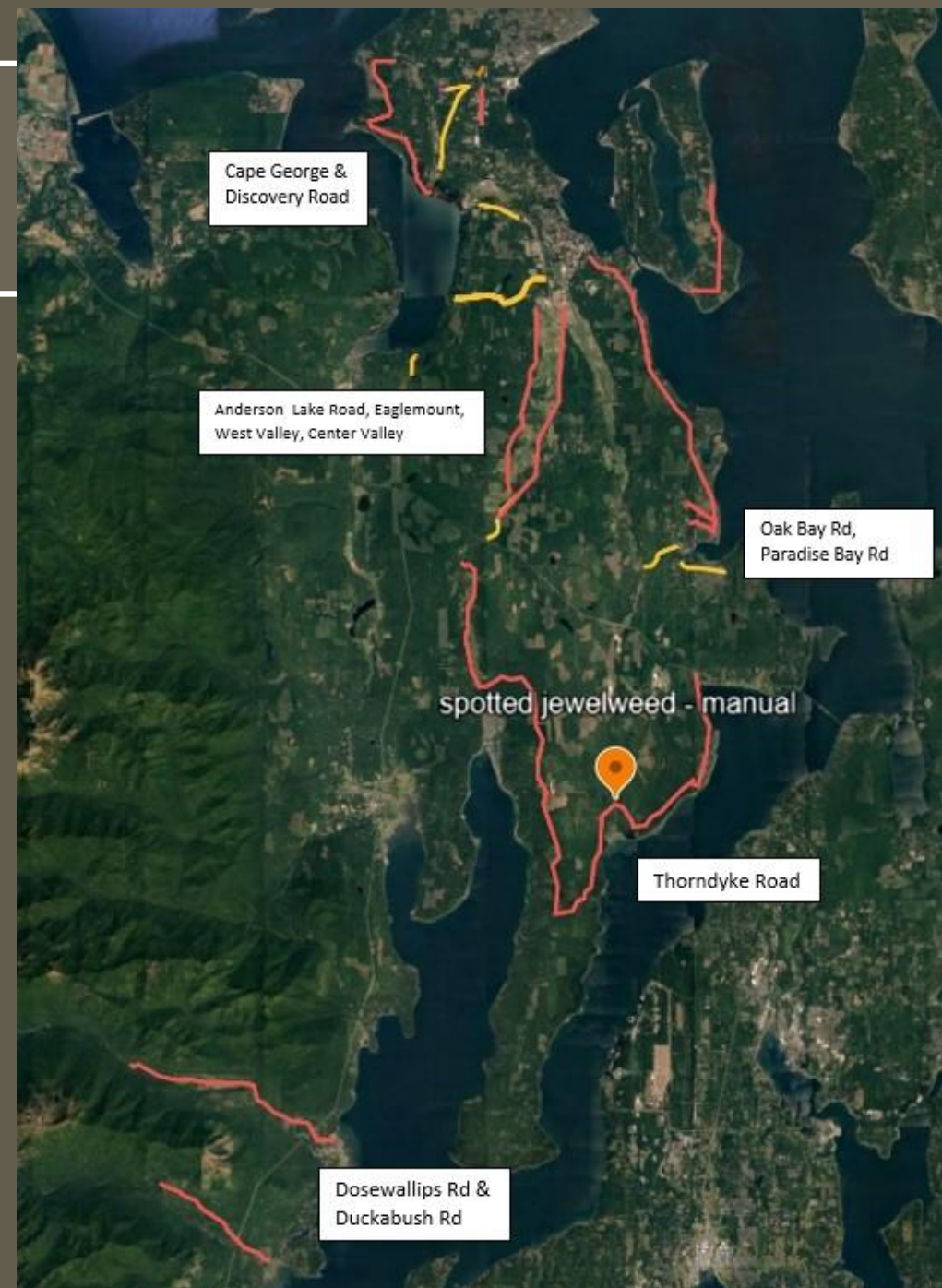
FORT WORDEN



- Total of 25-acres controlled for noxious weeds around the park
- Great partnership getting some employees trained to help with more consistent control
- Focus on poison hemlock around campground and trails
- Holly removal

COUNTY ROADS

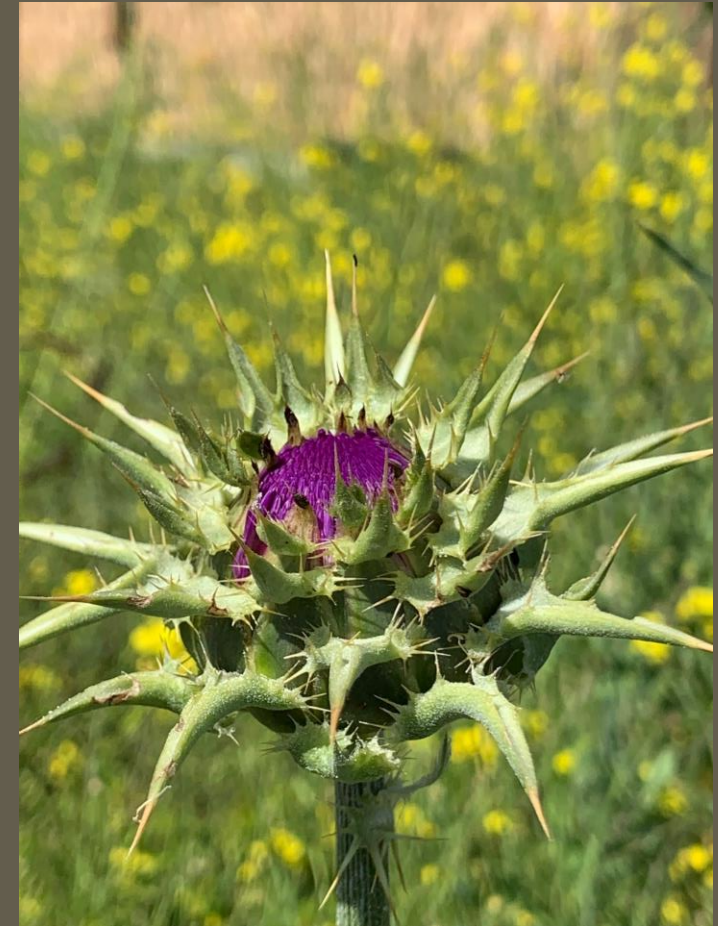
- 65 acres controlled for noxious weeds
- 150 miles of County roads surveyed
- Wild chervil, tansy ragwort, spotted knapweed, knotweed, spotted jewelweed, shiny geranium



EARLY DETECTION, RAPID RESPONSE



- Milk thistle, Class A
- A small infestation was found on private property when the landowners were seeking help with poison hemlock
- By identifying this weed and eliminating all propagating parts, we were able to eliminate the risk of a totally unchecked infestation
- Follow-up and surveys of the area are still necessary



2024 GOALS

- 6 contracts with public agencies
- Hire 1 additional staff member
- 200+ acres controlled
- 400+ road miles surveyed
- 600+ landowner interactions
- Building relationships with School Districts, Port Authority, County Parks & Rec
- Work with WCC Crew
- Partner with Clallam County Weed Board



NOTABLE ADDS TO THE 2024 JEFFERSON COUNTY WEED LIST

- Spurge laurel
 - Focus on surveying, raising awareness
- Scotch broom
 - “within 100-ft of aggregate piles & storage facilities”



STATE PARKS

- Newest Contract will include all State Parks in Jefferson County
- From Fort Flagler to Triton Cove
- Working closely with Park Rangers and Region Managers
- Poison hemlock, knotweed, yellow archangel



NOXIOUS WEED-FREE PROGRAM

- New program for Jefferson County in 2024 and beyond....
- An important measure to help stop the spread of noxious weed seeds to new areas and project sites
- Free inspections of all mining pits, storage & transfer facilities for all aggregate materials
 - Gravel, rock, sand, soil, woodchips, mulch, etc.
- Inspection standards created to meet the North American Invasive Species Management Association standards, as well as our neighbors in Clallam County, the Forest Service, and National Park Service



This facility was evaluated by the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board's Noxious Weed-Free Program.

This facility was inspected on DRAFT

This facility was inspected by DRAFT

Upon inspection, this facility meets minimum requirements, meaning noxious weeds are present and precautionary measures are being taken to prevent further spread.

For more information or to see the Official Certificate, please call 360-316-9332 or visit our website at bit.ly/jcnwcb



THANK YOU

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