

Bullards Workstation and Oregon Creek Day Use Area Weed Treatment and Native Grass Seed Planting Tahoe National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

This is a multiple phase project on the Tahoe National Forest, California, where noxious weeds are treated and native plants are seeded in the treated areas over several years at two administrative sites. Once native grass is established, and all evidence of weeds is gone, these sites will become a source of native grass seed that can be used in other erosion control projects. In 2010, Scotchbroom and yellow star thistle were treated at both sites using various methods such as manual pulling, weed whipping, and prescribed burning. As part of integrated weed management, native seed (*Bromus californica*, *Leymus triticooides*, and *Lotus purshianus*) was planted in areas that were treated. Treatment of weeds at both sites will be ongoing. Treatment of Scotchbroom was accomplished using multiple fund sources. Weed whipping was accomplished using recreation funding. Prescribed fire activities were funded using fire dollars.

In addition, recreation and fire personnel were trained in weed identification and weed control methods to enhance early detection efforts and reduce the amount of weed spread from weed infested sites. Fire personnel greatly appreciated the weed control efforts implemented at Bullards Workstation since they have been working to control Scotchbroom at the Workstation for several years. Past efforts to control Scotchbroom involved cutting the Scotchbroom and burning which, unfortunately, in many instances encouraged sprouting from the root crown. In addition, the Workstation is used to store picnic tables and other recreation materials. These materials were piled in areas infested with weeds. When the recreation materials were moved, the weed seeds were also moved and spread from one area to another.



Figure 1: Bullards Work Station before treatment

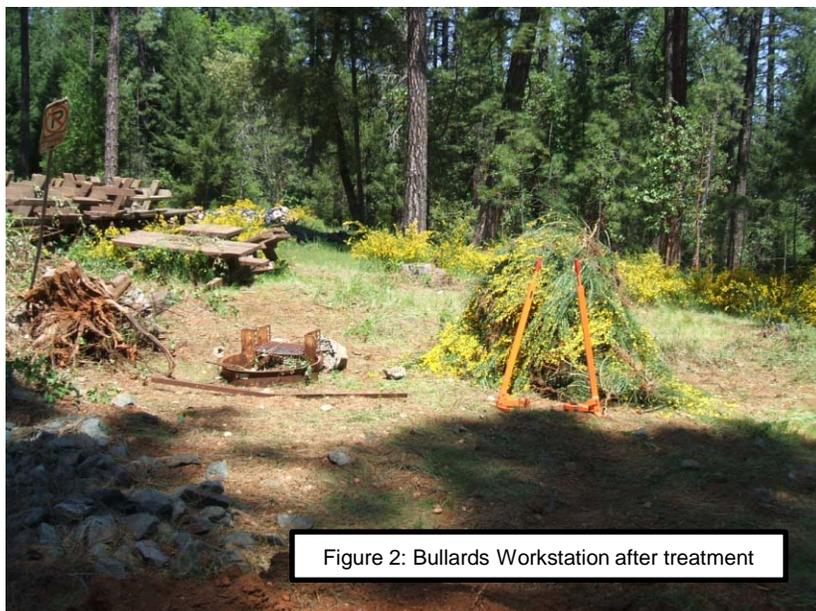


Figure 2: Bullards Workstation after treatment

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 1

Expenditures: \$16,000

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Internal partners include Recreation and Fire



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