

# Weed Eradication with Back to Natives on the Cleveland National Forest

## 2011 Accomplishments

This project was to remove noxious weeds on the Trabuco Ranger District including star thistle, Russian thistle and several other species. The project also includes volunteer weed education training. These species are degrading critical habitat for federally listed threatened and endangered species and habitat for several Forest sensitive species. It is important to remove these species before they are well-established on the national forest. Areas selected are those that benefit native plants by removing weed competition but not that require further restoration.

Volunteers from the "Back to Natives" non-profit local restoration group and Forest Service staff are working together on this project. This year's goal was to accomplish 15 acres of weed treatment areas; however, funding was received so late in the year that field review by Back to Natives and Forest Service staff found that seed had set. Therefore, they inventoried and planned for the area to treat in 2012. This work with Back to Natives will be accomplished in FY2012 on the Trabuco Ranger District (northern portion of the Forest). This project implements LMP goals and objectives.

Photos show Back to Natives volunteers working on this project.



Year Awarded: FY2011

Project completion: FY2016

Report number: 1

Expenditures (FY2011): \$5,000

Partners/Contractors/Cooperators/Partners:  
Back to Natives; External & Internal Contributions In kind labor



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