



## Local Management

- Local people actively develop and implement proactive weed management strategies, decisions, and projects.
- Direct communication allows CWMA members to learn about and deal with each other's weed problems and priorities.
- Stakeholders work together on local weed issues, sharing solutions and resources.
- Landowners and resource managers retain full decision-making authority for their property.
- Working together diverts energy from conflict into positive, on-the-ground action.

## Potential for CWMA success in our region:

- Biological control insects reared and released annually in CWMA. We can link and expand local releases.
- Cost-share programs for chemicals and manual treatments could be expanded regionally.
- Coordinated, simultaneous weed control efforts for the entire region.
- Rapid response teams for early eradication of new weed invaders.



### For more information:

Please contact your local County Noxious Weed Control Board, Soil & Water Conservation District or agency invasives program manager.

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## Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area



This brochure contains photos of the Columbia River Gorge, where we make our homes, earn a living, recreate and spend vacations. It can be truthfully said that weeds are, by far, one of the biggest threats to the health, productivity, and scenery of our landscape.

# A CWMA:

- Improves and coordinates weed management among private landowners, agencies, and others.
- Improves weed management and helps resolve issues across land ownership lines.
- Uses a voluntary, team-oriented approach promoting local participation in developing and implementing sound weed control programs.
- Allows agencies, groups, and landowners alike to share resources, manpower, and equipment.
- Accesses funding opportunities.



Yellow hawkweed invading a natural landscape



Knotweed reduces plant biodiversity by shading out native vegetation and altering critical habits.

## CWMA Advantages:

- Local people develop and implement a practical, consensus-based weed control strategic plan.
- Improves communication and promotes understanding among diverse interests.
- Incorporates individual and group weed management goals.
- Commitment by participants results in more effective weed control.
- Annual reviews consider new weeds, monitor infestations, track progress, and share information.
- Natural resource value, quality, and stewardship are improved as weeds decrease.
- Reduces weed control costs while expediting field projects.

## Potential CWMA partners:

Weed Control Business  
Conservation Districts  
Environmental groups  
Extension and other educators  
Farmers and ranchers  
Local governments  
Noxious Weed Control Boards  
Private landowners  
Public land agencies  
Public utilities  
Realtors  
Recreationists & Sportsmen's clubs  
Tribes  
Transportation  
Anyone interested in protecting our precious resources



Training events to learn about invasive plants and weed control can be a great function of a CWMA