

# Let's Pull Together

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# A Brief History



**ONCE UPON A TIME ON MY STREET**

**2003 CITY OF BEND  
2004 DESCHUTES COUNTY  
2006 TRI COUNTY  
2008 STATE WIDE**

**TURN & RUN!!!**

**NOTHING CAN STOP THEM!**





# Pulling Together

- Weed Boards
- Local Government
- Sponsors and Partners
- Businesses
- Unlikely Allies
- Our Support Crew
- Coordinators
- Dignitaries
- Our Volunteers





# Proclamation



- Whereas, the natural beauty and property values of our County must be preserved against the widespread threat of invasive plants, known as noxious weeds; and
- Whereas, we recognize the need to re-establish native plant communities where noxious weeds are replacing our native biodiversity; and
- Whereas, the education and participation of Deschutes County citizens is essential in our struggle against noxious weeds; and
- Whereas, the Board of Commissioners has previously declared Deschutes County a Weed Control District under Oregon Law; and
- Now, Therefore, we, the members of the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare the third week in June as Noxious Weed Awareness Week in Deschutes County from this day forward, and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

# Location, location, location

- County owned easements
- City owned easements
- School District owned properties
- Park District owned properties
- Irrigation District owned properties
- Public Properties
- Private Properties



# Our Volunteers



- Are typically unfamiliar with what makes a plant a noxious weed
- Are generally concerned about our environment
- Spread the word about noxious plants to friends, neighbors
- Join us year after year
- Are voters



# Elementary School Kids



# Middle School Kids





# High School Kids





# Employees



# Families





# Neighbors





# Church Groups



# City and County Employees





# Dignitaries





# The Tools



## Volunteers



## Experts



# Embracing all the tools in the box

**Environmental**



**Chemical**





## Sci-Fi Premise

### The Theme

Post-apocalyptic story

Triffid seeds were spread world-wide when introduced outside of the Soviet Union

A central problem made worse by human bickering





# Fun with Polarization



**WHEN WORKING AMONGST POLARIZED  
POSITIONS WHILE SEEKING SOLUTIONS**

**DROP POSITIONS AND GO FOR OUTCOMES**

# Education



- Let's Pull Together
- Financial Assistance
- Roadside Adoption
- Weed Free Forage
- Native Seed Bank
- The Weed Wagon





# The Weed Wagon



But still, we asked our volunteers, what could we do to make this event better?



**UM, BEER?**





# And a party?



**With free lunch**



**and a band!**



# And Really Cool Stuff



## Like Prizes

- Golf Trips
- Spa Trips
- Fly Fishing Trips
- Rafting Trips
- Gift Certificates
- Stuff for the kids!

## And a custom tee









# And to celebrate a good days work



## With Friends



## And Neighbors





# Noxious Weed Education



**A COMMUNITY BUILDING ENDEAVOR**

**(CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A PARTY AT THE PARK)**

# Our Future



**ONCE UPON A TIME ON YOUR STREET**





# **CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS**



**IT'S YOUR  
RESPONSIBILITY**















































































































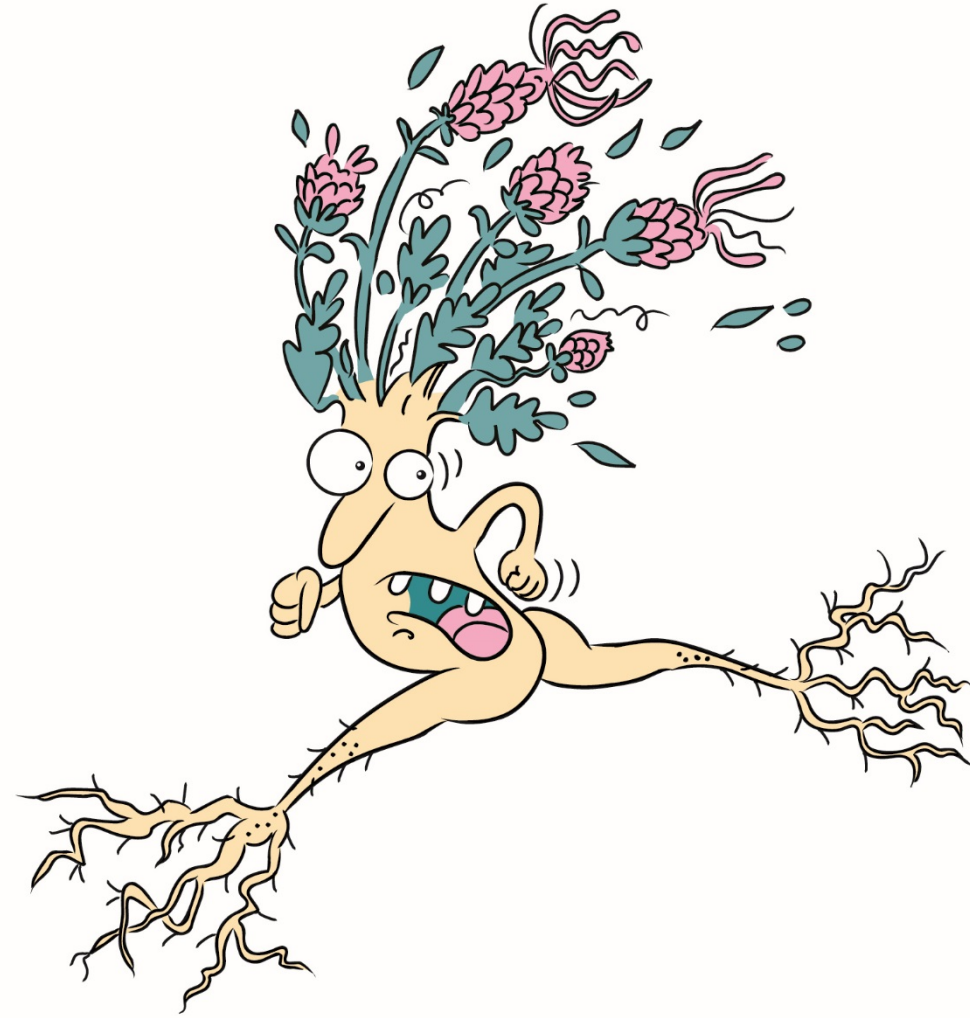






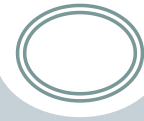








# The End



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