

North Fork Knotweed Survey & Inventory

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Partners: BLM-Coos Bay, Coos County Weed Advisory Board, Coos Soil & Water Conservation District, Coos County Planning, ODEQ, Private Landowners, CWA Council Volunteers



Japanese Knotweed dominating the riparian areas

Knotweed has been a “growing” issue in the Coquille Watershed over the past few years. The Coquille Watershed Association and partners are cooperating on efforts to survey and inventory knotweed on the North Fork of the Coquille.

This project is ongoing and additional funds were recently secured from the ODEQ, and preliminary long term goals for the next five years are to engage landowners to cooperatively remove knotweed from the landscape, improve riparian habitat and functionality by restoring native species composition, seeking program assistance and funding for weed removal, riparian restoration and other beneficial activities. The overall idea is to use what we learn here and apply it to the other Forks in the Coquille River Watershed and try to control this invasive weed. At the time of this report, we have completed 90% of the river survey/evaluation with 34 miles on the North Fork and 8 miles of the Middle Creek, and work will continue through 2017.