

Invasive Weed Volunteer Job Description



Summary Description

The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation (JHWF) has partnered with the Jackson Hole Weed Management Association since 2023, to host volunteer workdays for Habitat Heroes! JHWF is leading efforts at Coburn Meadows and Crystal Butte, where volunteers play a vital role in improving wildlife habitat. Non-native, invasive weeds often lack natural predators, can be toxic to wildlife, and outcompete native plants that animals depend on for food and shelter. By removing these weeds, we give native vegetation a chance to thrive once again. This work is done primarily by hand and with tools, minimizing the need for chemical treatments. Our volunteers are the heart of these efforts—without their dedication, these ambitious habitat restoration projects would not be possible.

Time Commitment

You can join for one day or every volunteer day throughout the summer. through August is the invasive weed removal season. Weed project days usually start at 8 am or 9 am and end before noon.

Volunteer Tracking and Rewards

We are in the process of creating a volunteer award system to keep track of volunteer hours and recognize the contributions volunteers make. More to come soon!

Job Duties

- Correctly identify non-native plants, instruction provided on arrival.
- Help pull or remove invasive weeds, instruction provided on arrival.
- Use tools to remove and pull plants.

Qualifications and Skills

- Enthusiasm for restoring wildlife habitat—no prior experience required.
- Willingness to hike on steep and uneven terrain (Coburn Meadow is flat; Crystal Butte involves a moderate hike).
- Comfortable working outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.

Expectations

- To show up on time with a positive attitude.
- To commit to the morning of work.
- To be willing to learn and work as a team.
- To come prepared in proper clothing (long sleeves, long pants, eye protection, and close-toed shoes).
- To sign a waiver before volunteering.

We provide

- Snacks and drinks. Some days we can provide lunch (we will let you know ahead of time).
- Gloves, tools, and safety equipment.