



Invasive Weed Volunteer

Job Description

Summary of Project

The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation has partnered with the Jackson Hole Weed Management Association since 2023 to host Habitat Heroes volunteer workdays! JHWF is leading efforts at Coburn Meadows, Crystal Butte, and two South Highway 89 Wildlife Underpasses where volunteers play a vital role in improving wildlife habitat. Non-native, invasive weeds often lack natural pests or predators, can be toxic to wildlife, and outcompete native plants that native wildlife depend on for food and shelter. By removing these weeds, we give native vegetation a chance to thrive once again. This work is done using a mixture of hand pulling and tools, minimizing the need to use chemical treatments. Our volunteers are the heart of these efforts - without their dedication, these ambitious habitat restoration projects would not be possible.

Time Commitment

There is no minimum time commitment - you can join for one day or every volunteer day throughout the summer. May through August is the invasive weed removal season. Weed project days usually start at 8 am and end before noon.

Volunteer Tracking and Awards

We track volunteer hours to recognize individuals who make significant contributions at the end of the season. Those with the most volunteer hours are often recognized and offered prizes!

Job Duties

- Correctly identify non-native plants (instructions provided).
- Pull or remove invasive weeds using best practices and tools (instructions provided).

Qualifications and Skills

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

Expectations

- To show up on time with a positive attitude.

- Be prepared to participate for the duration of the volunteer event.
- 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.
- Reliable transportation to the meeting locations.

We provide

- Training.
- Snacks and water coolers.
- Gloves, tools, and safety equipment.