

Hazardous Fuel Loading Reduction Through the Control of NNIS and Ecosystem Rehabilitation with Native Plants

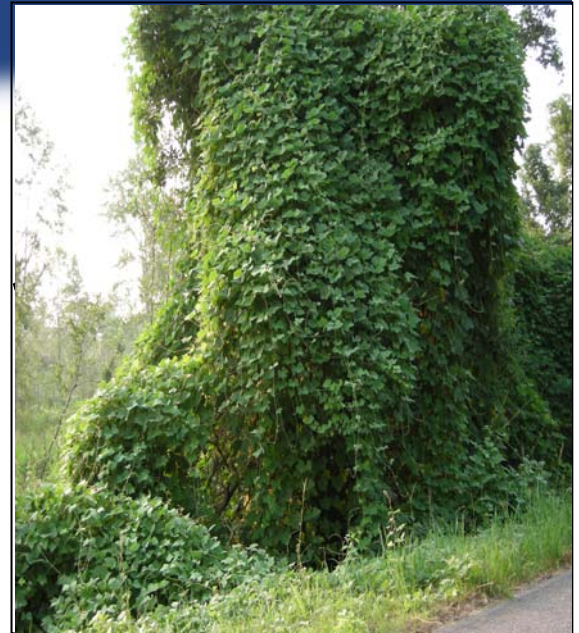
2007 Accomplishments

Status of Project Accomplishment: Emphasis areas submitted in the proposal for funding included the following:

- Control NNIS on the District, particularly where impacts to rare elements may occur;
- Reduce hazardous fuel loadings associated with NNIS; and
- Restore areas infested with NNIS back to native species.

During FY 2007, the District continued its herbicide treatments on areas infested with kudzu. Re-treatment of the original 28 acres (treated under NFN3 in FY06) was completed as well as additional acres of initial treatments in 2007. No native seed was planted in Spring 2007 due to the degree of kudzu that was observed on the sites. These sites will be monitored in Spring of 2008 and native plantings will likely occur at that time.

The District is currently working with ALDOT and Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to increase the amount of NNIS treatments on right-of-ways adjacent, or on, Forest Service lands. Furthermore, the District is working with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on the development of a pilot project for NNIS treatment to include additional partners.



Kudzu on a roadside prior to initial treatment..

Year Awarded: 2006

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 2 of 3

Expenditures:

- Initial funding \$17,000
- Expended \$7,000
- Remaining: \$10,000

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Desired Future Conditions with no NNIS



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