Cottonwood Canyons Foundation 2006 Invasive Weed Program: Final Report





<u>Sponsors:</u>

Our Invasive Weed program was sponsored this summer by funding from the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, a partnership grant from the Bonneville Coordinated Weed Management Area and in-kind support from Salt Lake County Public Works, who picked up pulled weeds for proper disposal. Also, our awesome volunteers chipped in a ton of hours and sweat effort, especially considering how hot it was this summer!

Invasives Mapped:

Our first goal was to map Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon USFS data dictionaries.

Data was collected on a handheld PDA with a Bluetooth GPS using vector based data, successfully completing our goal.

Presently, this data is being entered into national data bases to create a future work plan for removal of nonmechanically treatable weeds.



Quick Summary:

Mapped: Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons

Weeds Pulled: Hounds tongue, Burdock, Dalmatian Toadflax, Mullein

Volunteer Hours: 271

Total Pulls: 11 (13 scheduled, 2 cancelled due to rain)

Participating Groups: Goldman Sachs National Wildlife Federation Bonneville CWMA SLC Public Utilities Watershed Town of Alta Friends of Alta Alta Ski Lifts UTDWR Dedicated Hunters UTDWR Biologists Westminster College Wasatch-Cache NF And, of course...

Our Volunteers!

<u>Community Weed Pulls</u>

Our second goal was to implement a community invasive weed education and mitigation pull program, which was very successful this year!

While we found that volunteers are a great way to remove mechanically treatable weeds, we also found that the best way to get people out is to pursue scheduling groups.

We will continue to do this again next summer! Get your groups ready!



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