

TAKE PRIDE[®] IN AMERICA

It's Your Land, Lend A Hand



ENLIST VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST INVASIVE SPECIES

When it comes to invasive species it seems there are never enough hands to tackle encroaching plants. You think: without help, the plant will take over the world! We've all been there – the task is great and we wish there was someone to call to lend a hand.



Tamarisk at Grand Canyon NP

Well, relax. There's help! Take Pride in America[®] is a national program that encourages all Americans to volunteer to improve our public lands. Visit www.TakePride.gov to post volunteer events and opportunities with state and local agencies, as well as private groups. If you're with a federal agency, visit www.Volunteer.gov/gov where you can recruit volunteers for a one-time event or long-term positions.

Already volunteers are becoming an invaluable resource in the fight against invasive species. Volunteers can inventory, monitor and remove these damaging plants. Add to your workforce without deducting from your budget.

DID YOU KNOW?

Volunteers provide a significant contribution to the on-the-ground fight against invasive plants.

Volunteers serve as "first responders" in the battle against weeds, helping land managers map, monitor, hand grub small infestations.

Volunteers are willing and able to provide assistance with prevention awareness, detection, and eradication of early detected invasive species.

In February, Lovers Key Carl E. Johnson State Park in Florida hosted a successful "Exotic Removal Mania Day".

As part of Take Pride in Utah month, volunteers will help with tamarisk removal in St. George on April 17th.

WHAT IS TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA?

Take Pride is a national program that aims to seek, support, and recognize volunteers who work to improve public lands, forests, grasslands, reservoirs, and wildlife refuges, as well as cultural and historic sites, local playgrounds, and other recreation areas. As part of President Bush's USA Freedom Corps, Take Pride in America is an excellent opportunity for citizens and communities to demonstrate local pride, initiative, and stewardship.

Together, we can protect and enhance the special legacy all Americans share - over 900 million acres of public lands.

For more information, visit www.TakePride.gov, send an email to TakePride@ios.doi.gov, or call (303) 202-4775.



WHAT IS **VOLUNTEER**.GOV/GOV?

Volunteer.gov/gov is a one-stop portal to public-sector volunteer opportunities. Those in need of volunteers can post recruitment information, while interested volunteers can search for opportunities by keyword, state, activity, partner, and/or date range.