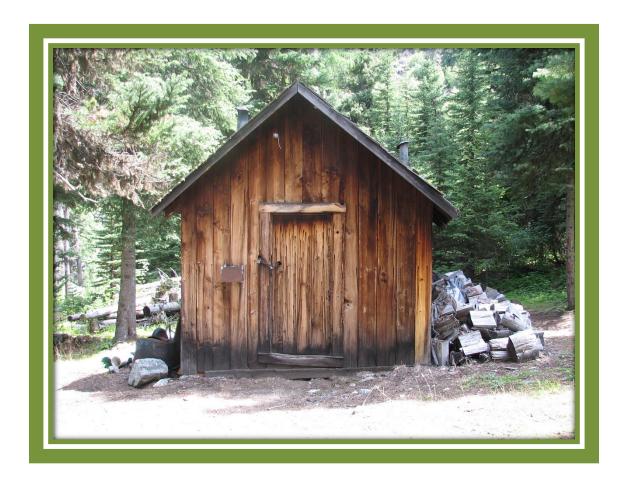
# 2019 Noxious Weed Control Plan Annual Report

Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 308



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### 1.0 Introduction

The Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 308) received a new operating license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) on January 5, 2017 (FERC 2017). Article 415 of the FERC license required PacifiCorp to file a noxious weed control plan (NWCP) with FERC within 6 month from the date of the license issuance (July 5, 2017):

Article 415. Noxious Weed Control Plan. The revised Noxious Weed Control Plan required by Appendix B, condition 6, must be developed after consultation with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The licensee must include with the plan documentation of consultation, copies of comments and recommendations on the completed plan after it has been prepared and provided to the agencies, and specific descriptions of how the agencies' comments are accommodated by the plan. The licensee must allow a minimum of 30 days for the agencies to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan with the Commission. If the licensee does not adopt a recommendation, the filing must include the licensee's reasons, based on project-specific information.

The Commission reserves the right to require changes to the plan. Implementation of the plan must not begin until the licensee is notified by the Commission that the plan is approved. Upon Commission approval, the licensee must implement the plan, including any changes required by the Commission.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service Final Section 4(e) Conditions were filed on February 16, 2016 and included as Appendix B in FERC license (FERC 2017). The following conditions apply to the NWCP (PacifiCorp 2017):

<u>Condition No. 6 – Noxious Weed Management Plan</u> The Licensee shall, within six months following License issuance, revise the Noxious Weed Management Plan (NWMP), Appendix K, Volume III of the FLA [Final License Application] (February 2015), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service. The NWMP shall include measures A through D below and must meet USDA Forest Service standards, guidelines, methods, and monitoring protocols for actions undertaken on National Forest Service (NFS) lands. The NWMP shall be filed with the Commission for approval. After Commission approval, the Licensee shall immediately implement the NWMP.

A. The Licensee shall implement applicable noxious weed control measures found in invasive plant management direction for the Pacific Northwest Region and/or the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, as amended for the period of the License. Future changes or modifications to the management direction will require the Licensee to coordinate with the USDA Forest Service at the Annual Resource Coordination Meeting required in Condition 5 to ensure the Licensee's implementation activities comply with those changes or modifications.

- B. The Licensee shall survey and treat noxious weeds on NFS lands within the FERC Project Boundary for three (3) consecutive years between June 1 and July 31 following construction or maintenance activities described in the FLA. If for three consecutive years, no noxious weeds are detected during the annual surveys, then survey intervals shall shift to a biennial schedule until a noxious weed infestation is detected. Control methods that will effectively control all Class A and other target weeds shall be implemented the same year as detection as allowed by U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region Invasive Plant Program, Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants (April 2005a) and Record of Decision (ROD) (October 2005b).
- C. The exact timing between June 1 and July 31 are recommended to implement control methods for optimal effectiveness in association with the guidelines provided by U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region Invasive Plant Program, Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants (April 2005a) and Record of Decision (ROD) (October 2005b). Manual control methods shall include measures including but not limited to reseeding, mulching and supplemental irrigation to ensure establishment of non-noxious vegetation in treated areas.
- D. The Licensee shall ensure that: a) ground cover in treated areas equals or exceeds 80 percent of that in an undisturbed control area with similar vegetation and is adjacent to the Project area and b) species composition in disturbed areas equals or exceeds 75 percent non-weedy species. If the standards above are not feasible or achievable, the Licensee shall consult and coordinate with the USDA Forest Service to develop suitable alternatives.
- E. The Licensee shall include a status report in its Annual Report, required by Condition No.
   5 Resource Coordination, describing activities related to weed control, assessment of weed areas, and identification of future efforts to control noxious weed spread and colonization within the Project boundary.

PacifiCorp submitted the Noxious Weed Control Plan (NWCP) to the Commission on June 1, 2017 pursuant to Article 415 and the Forest Service Final Section 4E Conditions included as Appendix B of the FERC license. A FERC order approving NWCP was issued by the Commission on July 25, 2017. PacifiCorp implement the NWCP in 2017 prior to receiving the Commission approval to insure that noxious weed monitoring and control methods were completed during the growing season and would optimize effectiveness.

This report complies with the FERC License Appendix B USDA, Forest Service Final Section 4(e) Condition No. 5- Resource Coordination requiring PacifiCorp to provide an Annual Report to Wallowa Whitman National Forest (WWNF) on the status of the NWCP activities for that year (FERC 2017). The status report should be completed by December 1 each year to allow for at least a 30-day review prior to the Annual Resource Coordination meeting. This status report will only apply to the Project Boundary as described in Section 2.0 and shown in Appendix A:

- The current year Invasive Plant Inventory Forms
- A description of the control methods, operation and maintenance, and success of the control methods conducted that year and the accompanying treatment forms [Herbicide Application (2510), Insect Release (2550), and/or Mechanical/Physical Treatment (2530)
- Future anticipated soil disturbing activities, noxious weed prevention methods to be conducted, and identification of future efforts to control noxious weed spread and colonization for the following year within the Project Boundary
- Future expected efforts and a schedule for monitoring
- Compliance with the current Wallowa Whitman National Forest, State and Local regulations for weed management activities
- Results of revegetation success for all ground disturbance activities

### 2.0 Project location

The Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project is located on the east fork of the Wallowa River near the town of Joseph, Oregon in Wallowa County. The project powerhouse discharges into the West Fork of the Wallowa River upstream of Wallowa Lake (Figure 1).

The Project Boundary is an estimated 26 acres and encloses project operations, such as Royal Purple Creek Diversion Dam, the pipeline and open channel conveying water from the Royal Purple Creek Diversion Dam to the East Fork Dam and impoundment, penstock, powerhouse, transmission line, and non-project substation (FERC 2017). Portions of the access road, tailrace, and Pacific Park Campground are also included within the Project Boundary (FERC 2017). Approximately half lands within the Project Boundary are owned by PacifiCorp and the other half are on WWNF lands. Appendix A shows the Project Boundary and the associated features.

Areas within the Project Boundary may be more susceptible to noxious weeds due to exposed soils and/or are adjacent to frequent human activity. Therefore the Project Boundary is differentiated into three noxious weed priority areas to prioritize monitoring, prevention, and control methods accordingly. Noxious weed priority areas are defined as follows and are shown on Appendix A.

**High Priority**: areas with frequent or continued soil disturbance, frequent or constant exposure to weed seed vectors, or is known to have existing noxious weeds. These areas include the campground, forebay area, and portions of the WWNF trail within the Project Boundary.

**Medium Priority**: areas with prior or frequent soil disturbance, but has low exposure to weed seed vectors. Examples of this would include the access road and penstock.

**Low Priority**: areas that have intact soils and a low exposure to weed seed vectors. Examples of this would include talus slopes and forested areas away from high use areas.

These areas may be modified as needed to adjust for changes in the Project Boundary or in public use of an area (e.g. new trails etc.). In 2019 the new tailrace location was included High Priority Noxious area due to the 2019 construction and expected exposure to weed seed vectors.

Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project Vicinity Map OREGON POWERHOUSE 1:50,000 PENSTOCK DAM

Figure 1: Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project Vicinity Map

### 3.0 Regulation and Compliance

A comprehensive review of current and applicable WWNF, State and local regulations was completed in April 2019. The laws are as follows and PacifiCorp complied with these regulations and guidelines for all noxious weed monitoring and management in 2019:

### 3.1 USFS and WWNF regulations guidelines

The following USFS documents were used as guidelines and reference for all noxious weed monitoring and control methods implemented in 2019:

- Land and Resource Management Plan Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, as amended (USFS 1990).
- Pacific Northwest Region Invasive Plant Program Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants Final Environmental Impact Statement (USFS 2005a).
- Pacific Northwest Region Invasive Plant Program Preventing and Managing Invasive Plants Record of Decision. (USFS 2005b).
- Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Invasive Plants Treatment Project Final Environmental Impact Statement. (USFS 2010a).
- Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Invasive Plant Treatment Project Record of Decision. (USFS March 2010b).

### 3.2 Oregon Revised Statues

The following Oregon Revised Statues (ORS) are chapter 569 Weed Control that provide state and county authority to manage noxious weeds and are applicable to NWCP:

#### 2015 ORS 569.175 applicable definitions:

- (1) "Noxious weed" means a terrestrial, aquatic or marine plant designated by the State Weed Board under ORS 569.615 as among those representing the greatest public menace and as a top priority for action by weed control programs.
- (2) "Person" means a person as defined in ORS 174.100 (Definitions), the federal government or any of its agencies, the State of Oregon or any of its agencies, or any city, county, district or municipal corporation of this state

#### 2015 ORS 569.185 State Department of Agriculture authority:

(13) Request any person owning or controlling land within this state to control, prevent the spread of or, when feasible, eradicate noxious weeds, and to supervise such activities.

#### 2015 ORS 569.350 Necessity of eradication of weeds:

Noxious weeds have become so thoroughly established and are spreading so rapidly on state, county and federally owned lands, as well as on property in individual ownership and

in transition to county ownership through tax delinquency, that they hereby are declared a menace to the public welfare. While it is recognized that complete eradication may not be practicable, it hereby is established that steps leading to eradication and control are necessary and that responsibility rests not only on the individual landowner and operator but also on the county, state and federal government, and that the county, state and federal government should cooperate with individual owners in the control and eradication of noxious weed pests.

### 3.3 Noxious Weed Monitoring List

State of Oregon and Wallowa County maintain a list of target Noxious Weeds that are separated into the following three categories for prioritizing management (Oregon Department of Agriculture 2019):

**A listed Weed**: A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.

Recommended action: Infestations are subject to eradication or intensive control when and where found. A weed of known economic importance which occurs in the state in small enough infestations to make eradication or containment possible; or is not known to occur, but its presence in neighboring states make future occurrence in Oregon seem imminent.

**B listed Weed**: A weed of economic importance which is regionally abundant, but which may have limited distribution in some counties.

Recommended action: Limited to intensive control at the state, county or regional level as determined on a site specific, case-by-case basis. Where implementation of a fully integrated statewide management plan is not feasible, biological control (when available) shall be the primary control method.

**T Designated Weed:** A designated group of weed species that are selected and will be the focus for prevention and control by the Noxious Weed Control Program. Action against these weeds will receive priority. T designated noxious weeds are determined by the Oregon State Weed Board and directs Oregon Department of Agriculture to develop and implement a statewide management plan. T designated noxious weeds are species selected from either the A or B list.

The following table is a list of species included in the 2019 NWCP monitoring:

Table 1: 2019 Oregon State and Wallowa County Listed Noxious Weeds

Common Name <sup>2,3</sup>	Scientific Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Oregon State Category <sup>2</sup>	Wallowa County Category <sup>3</sup>
Absinthe Wormwood*	Artemisia absinthium		В
African Rue	Peganum harmala	A(T)	
Annual Bugloss*	Anchusa officialis	, ,	В
Armenian blackberry (Himalayan blackberry)*	Rubus armeniacus	В	В
Atlantic Ivy	Hedera hibernica	В	
Bachelor Button*	Centaurea cyanus		В
Barbed goatgrass	Aegilops triuncialis	A (T)	
Biddy-biddy	Acaena novae-zelandiae	В	
Bigseed dodder	Cuscata indecora	В	
Bohemian Knotweed	Polygonum behemicum	В	A
Buffalobur	Solunum rostratum	В	
Bull thistle**	Cirsium vulgare	В	
Bur Buttercup*	Ceratocephala testiculata		В
Butterfly bush	Buddleja davidii	В	
Camelthorn	Alhagi pseudalhag	A	
Canada thistle**	Cirsium arvense	В	В
Cape Ivy	Delairea odorata	A(T)	
Chicory*	Cichorium intybus		В
Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara	A	
Common Burdock**	Arctium minus		В
Common Bugloss*	Anchusa officinalis	B(T)	A (T)
Common cordgrass	Spartina anglica	A	
Common crupina*	Crupina vulgaris	В	В
Common frogbit	Hydrocharis morsus-range	A	
Common reed	Phragmites australis	В	
Common Tansy	Tanacetum vulgare		A
Common Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum		В
Creeping yellowcress	Rorippa sylvestris	В	
Cut-leaved Teasel	Dipsacus laciniatus	В	
Dalmatian Toadflax*	Linaria dalmatica	B (T)	В
Delta arrowhead	Sagittaria platyphyla	A (T)	
Dense flowered cord grass	Spartina densilfora	A (T)	
Diffuse Knapweed*	Centaurea diffusa	В	В
Dyer's Woad*	Isatis tinctoria	В	T
English Ivy	Hedera helix	В	
Eurasian watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum	В	

Table 1: 2019 Listed Oregon and Wallowa County Listed Noxious Weeds (continued)

Common Name <sup>2,3</sup>	Scientific Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Oregon State Category <sup>2</sup>	Wallowa County Category <sup>3</sup>
European water chestnut	Trapa natans	A	
False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticaum	В	
Field Bindweed*	Convolvulus arvensis	В	В
Five-angled Dodder	Cuscata pentagona	В	
Floating Primrose Willow	Ludwigia peploides	B (T)	
Flowering Rush	Butomus umbellatus	A(T)	
French Broom	Genista monspessulana	В	
Garden yellow loosestrife	Lysimachia vulgaris	A (T)	
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	B (T)	A (T)
Giant hogweed	Heracleum mantegazzianum	A (T)	
Giant Knotweed	Polygonum sachalinense	В	A
Goatsrue	Galega officinalis	A (T)	
Gorse	Ulex europaeus	B (T)	
Hairy whitetop *	Lepidium pubescens	В	A (T)
Halogeton	Halogeton glomeratus	В	
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	В	
Himalayan knotweed	Polygonum polystachum	В	
Hoary Alyssum (False Hoary Alyssum)*	Berteroa incana	A (T)	A (T)
Hoary cress whitetop*	Lepidium draba	В	A (T)
Houndstongue**	Cynoglossum officinale	В	В
Hydrilla	Hydrilla verticillata	A	
Iberian star-thistle	Centaurea iberica	A (T)	A
Indigo bush	Amorpha fruticosa	В	
Italian Thistle	Carduss pycnocephalus	В	A (T)
Japanese dodder	Cuscuta japonica	A	, ,
Japanese knotweed*	Polygonum cuspidatum	В	(T)
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense	В	. ,
Jointed goatgrass*	Aegilops cylindriva	В	B (T)
Jubata grass	Cortaderia jubata	В	
King devil hawkweed	Pilosella piloselloides	A	
Kochia*	Kocia scoparia	В	В
Kudzu	Pueraria lobata	A(T)	
Large-flower Primrose Willow	Ludwigia grandiflora	B (T)	
Leafy Spurge*	Euphorbia esula	B(T)	A (T)
Lens podded whitetop*	Cardaria chalapensis	В	,
Lesser celandine	Ranunculus ficaria	В	
Long-Spine sandbur	Cenchrus longispinus		В
Matgrass	Nardus stricta	A (T)	

Table 1: 2019 Listed Oregon and Wallowa County Listed Noxious Weeds (continued)

Common Name <sup>2,3</sup>	Scientific Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Oregon State Category <sup>2</sup>	Wallowa County Category <sup>3</sup>
Meadow Hawkweed**	Hieracium pratense	B (T)	B (T)
Mouse-ear hawkweed	Pilosella pilosella	A (T)	
Meadow Knapweed**	Centaurea pratensis	В	A (T)
Mediterranean Sage	Salvia aethiopis	В	A (T)
Medusahead Rye*	Taeniatherum canput-medusae	В	B (T)
Milk thistle	Silybum marianum	В	
Musk thistle	Carduus nutans	В	A (T)
Myrtle Spurge	Euphorbia myrsinites	В	A (T)
Oblong spurge	Euphorbia oblongata	A(T)	
Old man's beard	Clematis vitalba	В	
Orange Hawkweed*	Pilosella aurantiacum	A (T)	A (T)
Oregano	Origanum vulgare		A (T)
Ovate goatgrass	Aegilops ovata	A	
Oxeye Daisy*	Leucanthemum vulgare		В
Parrot's feather	Myriophyllum aquaticum	В	
Paterson's curse	Echium plantagineum	A(T)	
Perennial peavine	Lathyrus latifolius	В	
Perennial Pepperweed*	Lepdium latifolium	B (T)	A(T)
Pheasanteye (Blooddrop) *	Adonis aestivalis	B (T)	
Plumeless Thistle*	Carduus acanthoides	A(T)	A
Poison Hemlock*	Conium maculatum	В	В
Policeman's Helmet	Impatiens glandulifera	В	
Portuguese broom	Cytisus striatus	B(T)	
Punturevine*	Tribulus terrestris	В	A
Purple Loosestrife*	Lythrum salicaria	В	A
Purple nutsedge	Cyperus rotundus	A	
Purple Star-thistle	Centaurea calcitrapa	A(T)	T
Ragweed	Ambrosia artemisifolia	В	
Ravennagrass	Saccharum ravennae	A(T)	A
Reed Canarygrass	Phalaris arundinaceae var.	B (T)	В
(Ribbon grass)	Picta	B(1)	ъ
Rose campion	Lychnis coronaria		A
Rush Skeletonweed*	Chondrilla juncea	B(T)	B (T)
Russian Knapweed*	Acroptilon repens	В	A(T)
Saltcedar*	Tamarix ramoissima	B (T)	
Salt meadow cordgrass	Spartina patens	A (T)	
Scotch Broom*	Cytisus scoparius	В	A(T)
Scotch Thistle*	Onopordium acanthium	В	B (T)
Shiny leaf geranium	Geranium lucidum	В	

Table 1: 2019 Listed Oregon and Wallowa County Listed Noxious Weeds (continued)

Common Name <sup>2,3</sup>	Scientific Name <sup>1,2</sup>	Oregon State Category <sup>2</sup>	Wallowa County Category <sup>3</sup>
South American waterweed	Egeria densa	В	
Silverleaf nightshade	Solanum elaeagnifolium	A	
Slender flowered thistle	Carduss tenuiflorus	В	
Small broomrape	Orobranche minor	В	
Smooth Cordgrass	Spartina alterniflora	A (T)	
Smooth distaff thistle	Carthamus baeticus	A	
Smoothseed alfalfa (Dodder)	Cuscuta approximata	В	
Spotted Knapweed**	Centaurea maculosa	B (T)	A (T)
Spurge laurel	Daphne Laureola	В	
Squarrose knapweed	Centaurea virgata	A (T)	
St. Johnswort*	Hypericum perforatum	В	
Sulfur Cinquefoil*	Potentilla recta	В	B (T)
Swainsonpea	Sphaerophysa salsula	В	. ,
Sweetbriar Rose*	Rosa rubiginosa		В
Syrian bean-caper	Zygophyllum fabago	A	
Tall Buttercup*	Ranunculus acris		В
Tansy Ragwort*	Senecio jacobaea	B (T)	A (T)
Tuarian thistle	Onopordum tauricum	A(T)	
Tree of Heaven*	Ailanthus altissima	В	
Velvetleaf	Abultilon theophrasti	В	
Ventenata (North Africa grass) *	Ventenata dubia	В	В
Water soldier	Stratiotes aloides	A	
Waterprimrose	Ludwigia hexapetala	B (T)	
Welted Thistle*	Carduus crispis	A (T)	A (T)
West Indian sponge Plant	Limnobium laevigatum	A	
White bryonia (white bryony)	Byronia alba	A	A
White Campion	Siline latifolia		В
Wooly distaff thistle	Carthamus lanatus	A (T)	
Yellow archangel	Lamiastrum galeobdolon	В	
Yellow flag iris*	Iris psuedocorus	В	A (T)
Yellow floating heart	Nymphoides peltata	A (T)	
Yellow hawkweed*	Pilosella floribundum	A (T)	
Yellow nutsedge	Cyperus esculentus	В	
Yellow starthistle*	Centuarea solstialis	В	A
Yellow toadflax*	Linaria vulgaris	В	В
Yellowtuft	Alyssum coriscan	A(T)	

<sup>\*</sup>Noxious weeds are known to exist within Wallowa County <sup>1, 2</sup>

\*\*Noxious weeds are known to exist within the Project Boundary (Bio-Resources 2019)

<sup>1</sup> Natural Resources Conservation Service 2018 <sup>2</sup> Oregon Department of Agriculture 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wallowa County 2019

# 4.0 2019 Monitoring and Management

The following is description of noxious weed monitoring, control and other management strategies that occurred in 2019 within the Project Boundary.

#### 4.1 Prevention

The construction of the tailrace reroute and royal purple pipe extension began in 2019. PacifiCorp contracted with Kendrick Moholt (Bio-Resources, Inc.) to oversee the construction monitoring for compliance; therefore he was also able to evaluate the area for noxious weeds prior to ground disturbance. Construction began on June 1 and no known noxious weeds were located within the construction limits.

### **4.2 Noxious Weed Monitoring**

PacifiCorp contracted with local contractor, Kendrick Moholt (Bio-Resources, Inc.) to implement the NWCP monitoring and oversee control methods. The noxious weed monitoring surveys were completed by Kendrick on July 16, 2019 and included all high and medium priority noxious weed areas. A record of the each noxious weed infestation has been documented on Invasive Plant Inventory Forms are provided in Appendix B. The table below provides a list of the noxious weeds location and status.

Table 2: Noxious Weeds Located in 2019 within the Project Boundary.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Oregon State Category	Wallowa County Category	Location
Canada thistle	Cirsium arvense	В	В	Campground
Bull thistle	Cirsium vulgare	В	None	Campground
Houndstongue	Cynoglossum officinale	В	В	Campground
Common Burdock	Arctium minus	None	В	Campground
Spotted knapweed	Centaurea maculosa	B (T)	A (T)	Campground/road
Meadow hawkweed	Hieracium caespitosum	B(T)	B (T)	Trail

#### 4.3 Control Methods

Kendrick Moholt supervised the spray operation to control noxious weeds within the Project Boundary on July 17. 2019. Treatment consisted of spraying with Milestone<sup>®</sup> herbicide, mixed with a surfactant and a marking dye. The Herbicide Application Form 2510 is provided in Appendix B.

The campground and surrounding areas were treated with very targeted and minimal applications using only backpack sprayer spot application on individual plants. The target species were Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), houndstongue (*Cynoglossum officinale*) and burdock (*Arctium minus*).

An area near the entrance to the campground and on the east side of the county road (near the trail head and horse rails) was sprayed with backpack spray rigs in areas where small trees and other desirable vegetation was present, and by ATV mounted sprayers to control spotted knapweed (*Centaurea maculosa*). In 2017 this area had a heavy oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*, formerly *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*) infestation, which seems to have been mostly controlled by that two year's efforts. The knapweed infestation in this area has also been reduced.

Three locations along the access trail, including the area near the dam, were sprayed to control meadow hawkweed (*Hieracium caespitosum*). Special care was taken to avoid any areas with potential for rare plants. The two known populations of meadow hawkweed appear to be decreasing greatly in size. However, disturbance from this year's construction is likely to provide excellent habitat for seed germination in the next growing year. Surveys and control efforts are recommended. A third population first located and treated in 2017, at the base of the access trail just west of the point where the ATV trail branches from the foot trail, also appears to have been controlled. Canada thistle and bull thistle were also treated along the trail by spot application. It should be stressed; additional surveys and treatment will be necessary for noxious weed species in the 2020 growing season due to construction disturbance in 2019.

### 4.4 Revegetation Success

All areas of prior ground disturbance within Project Boundary will be evaluated during the annual noxious weed monitoring to determine if the following criteria have been met:

- a) ground cover in treated areas equals or exceeds 80 percent of that in an undisturbed control area with similar vegetation and is adjacent to the area of ground disturbance and
- b) species composition in disturbed areas equals or exceeds 75 percent non-weedy species.

These areas will be monitored until the above criteria is met for 3 consecutive years. If the criteria cannot be met and is not feasible or achievable, then PacifiCorp will consult and coordinate with the US Forest Service at the Annual Resource Coordination Meeting. Currently there are no 2018 areas of ground disturbance that require revegetation and/or revegetation success monitoring. The 2019 construction at the forebay and tailrace realignment will be monitored into meet this criteria in 2020.

### 5.0 2020 Monitoring and Management

The construction of the tailrace reroute and royal purple pipe extension began in 2019 and will be completed in 2020. The royal purple pipe extension is currently within a high priority portion of the current Noxious Weed Monitoring Area. The portion of the new tailrace reroute has been included in the high priority area in the Noxious Weed Monitoring Area (Appendix A). Appendix provides map of the proposed construction limits for both projects.

The 2020 noxious weed monitoring will include all high and medium priority areas within the Project Boundary (Appendix A) and noxious weed control will occur as needed. The USFS made

the following recommendations that will be incorporated into the 2020 noxious weed monitoring and management:

- Photo points of noxious weeds treatment sites will established and taken at each Noxious Weed Monitoring surveys to document the changes over time.
- Implement manual control, where possible, to minimize the use of chemical

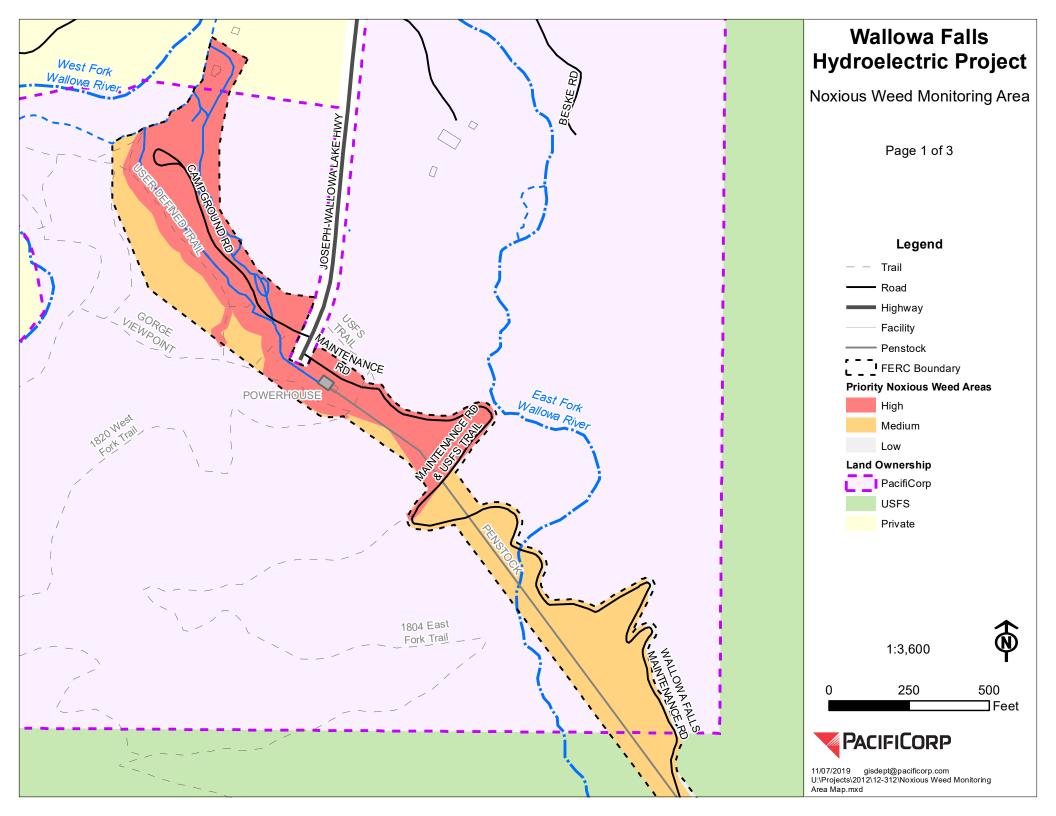
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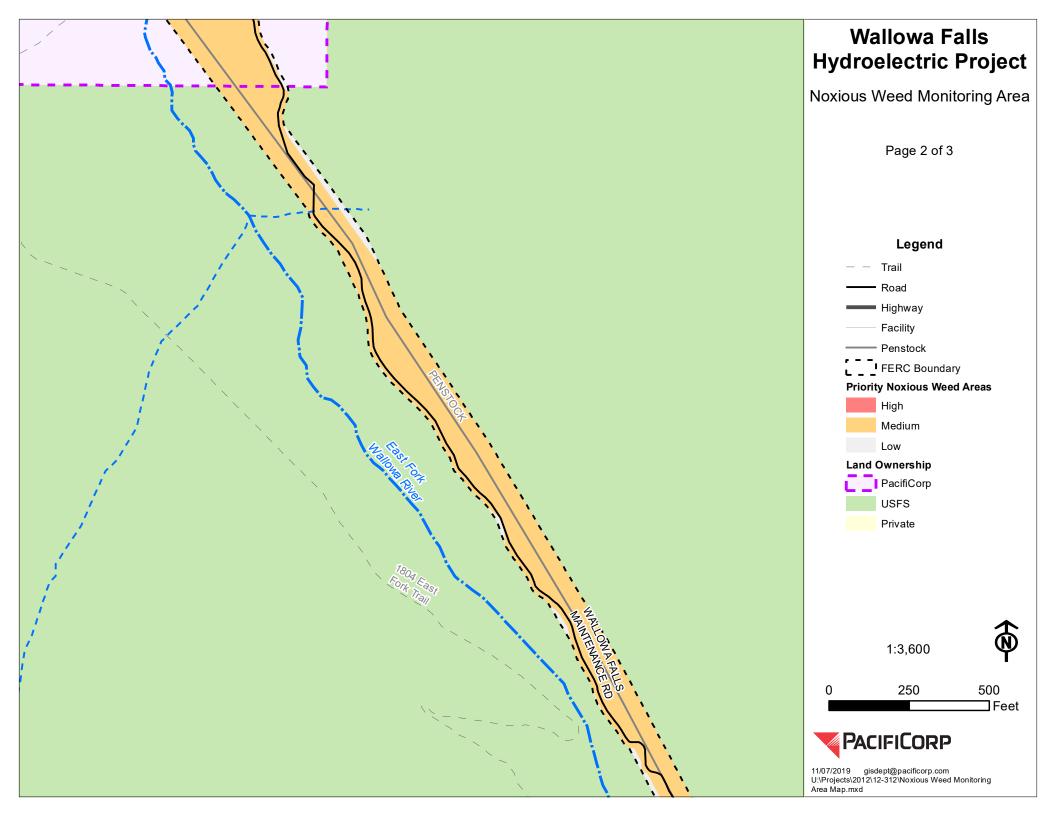
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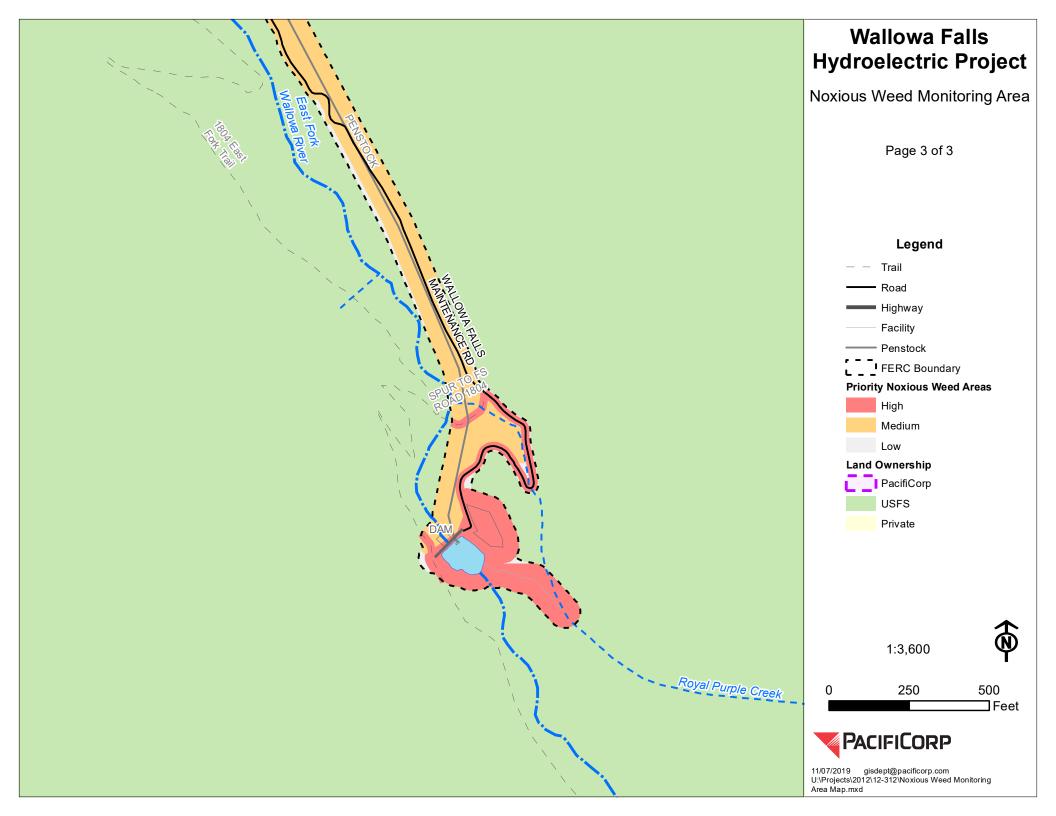
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# Appendix A Noxious Weed Monitoring Area







Appendix B Invasive Plant Inventory Form and Herbicide Application (2510) Forms

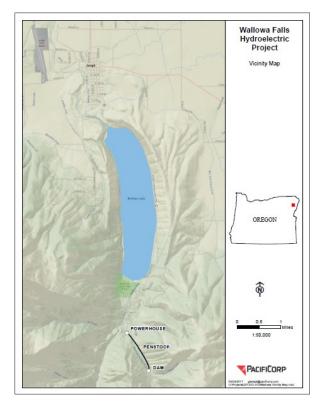
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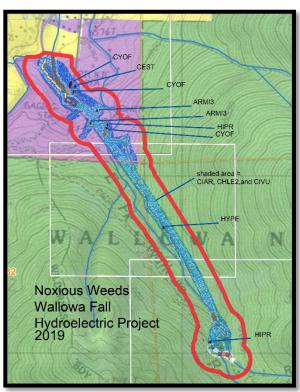
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Photo Point (GPS):		1	Ownership/District:USFS, WWNF, Eagle Cap			
		and PacifiCorp				
Photo Name:		<b>Examiner:</b> Kendrick M	oholt, Bio-Resources, Inc.			
Botanist Initial:	<b>Elevation:</b>	<b>GPS Coordinates:</b>	Datum:			
Wildlife Biologist:	4700'-	0483259 E 5012652N	UTM (NAD 27)			
Whente Biologist.	5800'	to	Zone 11			
		0484159E 5011062N				
EDRR:YN GPS Fil	e Name:	Other Observations:				
Access: Road Trail X Riv	ver_ Other c	ampground				
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45E</u> Sec	tion: 33 NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	4 of NW1/4, SW1/4 of NW1/4, NW1/4	4 of SW1/4, SE1/4 of SW1/4			
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45E</u> Sec	tion: 29 SW 1/2	4				
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45E</u> Sec	tion: 32 NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	of NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>				

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: CIVU Comm				on Name: Bull Thistle			
Scientific Name: Cirsium vulgare					Phe	enology: R B FL X_ S	
Distribution: CLumpedLinearSE Scattered even SP Scattered Patchy X_ Continuous							
Total Acres: 26	Percent 1	infested:	<1% Infested Acres: ~0.15				
% Cover or Count (weeds):	~50		Understory Cover % (all):40-90%				
Potential to Spread: High_	Med x_l	Low		Dista	ance to	o Water: >30m	
Water Type: Perennial Ephemeral		System: Lake River Spring Stream					
Soil Types: sandy loam		Slope % aspect: 2-20%, Aspect variable					
Other Species on Site:							

### Comments





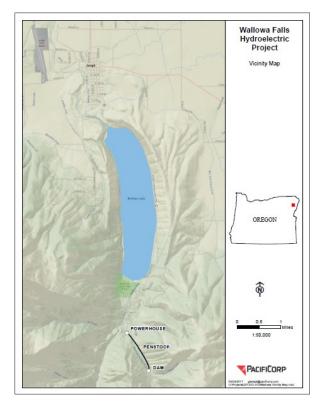
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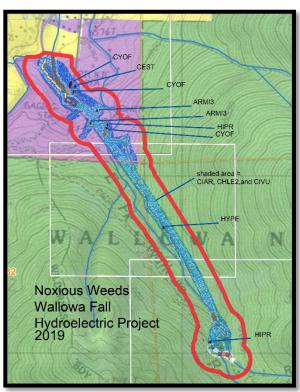
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Photo Name:			Examiner: Kendrick M	oholt, Bio-Resources, Inc.		
Botanist Initial:	Elevation:		<b>PS Coordinates:</b> 83259 E 5012652N	Datum:		
Wildlife Biologist:	4700'- 5800'	to	84159E 5011062N	UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11		
EDRR:YN GPS	S File Name:		Other Observations:			
Access: Road Trail X	River_ Other o	cam	pground			
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45E</u> Section: <u>33</u> <u>NW1/4 of</u>			NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of NW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , NW <sup>1</sup>	/4 of SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> , SE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of SW <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>		
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 29 SW 1/4						
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45B</u>	Section: 32 NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	of N	NE1/4			

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: CIAV Common Name: Canada Thistle					
Scientific Name: Cirsium arvense					Phenology: R B FL X_ S
Distribution: CLumpedLinear_ SP Scattered Patchy X_ Cont					<del></del>
Total Acres: 26	Percent 1	Infested:	<1% Infested Acres: ~0.3		
% Cover or Count (weeds):	~1000		Understory Cover % (all):40-90%		
Potential to Spread: High_	Med x I	Low		Dista	ance to Water: >30m
Water Type: Perennial_ Ephemeral			System: Lake River Spring Stream		
Soil Types: sandy loam			Slope % aspect: 2-20%, Aspect variable		
Other Species on Site:					

### **Comments**





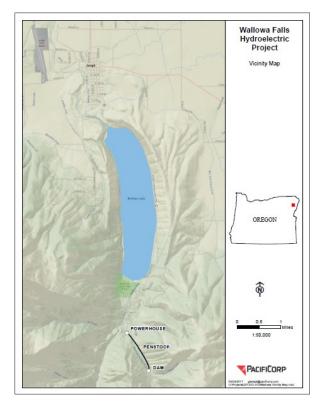
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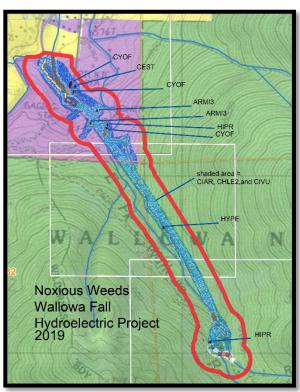
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Photo Point (GPS):			Ownership: PacifiCorp		
Photo Name:			Examiner: Kendrick Moholt, Bio-Resources, Inc.		
Wildlife Biologist: 4700'- 5000' ar			PS Coordinates: 483488E 5012298N ad 483529E 5012336N	Datum: UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11	
EDRR: Y_N GPS File Name:			Other Observations:		
Access: Road Trail_X River Other Campground  Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 29 1/4 sec: SE of 1/4 sec: SE					
10   1511 pt   25   1411 gt   1511 pt	<u>DE</u> 01 /4 500. <u>DE</u>				

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: ARN	Common	on Name: Common Burdock			
Scientific Name: Arctium n			Phe	enology: R B FL X_ S	
Distribution: CLumpedLinearSEScattered evenSPScattered Patchy_X_ Continuous					cattered even
Total Acres: 26	Percent 1	Infested: <1	1% Infested Acres: ~0.1		
% Cover or Count (weeds):	~5		Understory Cover % (all):60-90%		
Potential to Spread: High_	Med <u>x</u> L	ow	Dist	ance to	o Water: >30m
Water Type: Perennial Ephemeral Sys			ystem:	Lake_	_ River Spring Stream
Soil Types: sandy loam S:			Slope % aspect: 2-10%, Aspect variable		
Other Species on Site:	Other Species on Site:				

### **Comments**





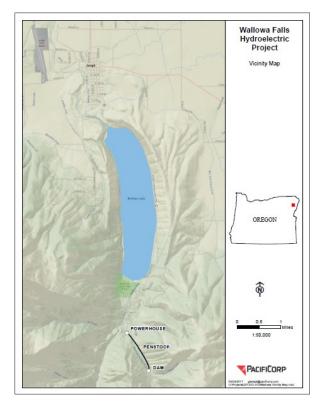
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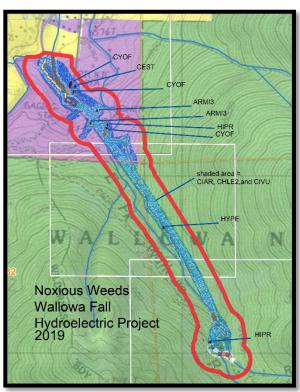
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Photo Point (GPS):		Ownership: PacifiCorp	Ownership: PacifiCorp			
Photo Name:			Examiner: Kendrick M	oholt, Bio-Resources, Inc.		
Botanist Initial:		Elevation:	<b>GPS Coordinates:</b>	Datum:		
Wildlife Biologist:		4700'-	0483297 5012651N	UTM (NAD 27)		
		5000'	and 0483577E 5012260N	Zone 11		
EDRR:YN	GPS Fil	e Name:	Other Observations:			
Access: Road Trail_X River Other			#			
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 29 1/4 sec: NW of 1/4 sec: SE						
Township: 3SRange:	45E <b>Sec</b>	etion: 29 1/4 sec:	SE of ¼ sec: SE			

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: CYOF Commo			on Name: Houndstongue					
Scientific Name: Cynoglossum officinale					Phe	enology:	R B	FL X S
Distribution: CLumped Linear SEScattered even SPScattered Patchy X Continuous						-		
Total Acres: 26	<b>Percent Infested:</b> <1%			Infest	Infested Acres: ~0.15			
% Cover or Count (weeds):	~60		Understory Cover % (all):40-90%					
Potential to Spread: High x	Med]	Low		Distance to Water: >30m				
Water Type: Perennial_	Ephemera	al	Sys	tem:	Lake_	_ River_	_ Spring_	Stream
Soil Types: sandy loam	es: sandy loam Slop		lope % aspect: 2-10%, Aspect variable					
Other Species on Site:								

**Comments** 





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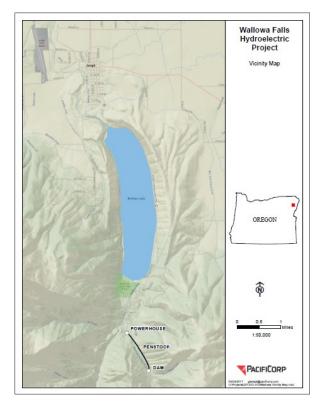
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Photo Name:		Examiner: Kendrick Moh	er: Kendrick Moholt, Bio-Resources, Inc.			
		GPS Coordinates:	Datum:			
Wildlife Biologist:		0484195E 5011062N (USFS) 0484223E 5011018N (Pacif)	UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11			
EDRR:YN GPS Fil	le Name:	Other Observations:				
Access: Road Trail X River_ Other#						
Township: <u>3S</u> Range: <u>45E</u> Section: <u>33</u> ¼ sec: <u>SE</u> (USFS)						
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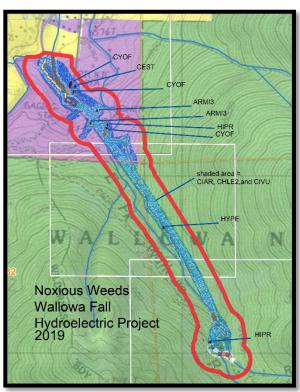
#### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: HIP	Target Species Code: HIPR Common Name: meadow hawkweed					
Scientific Name: Hieraciun	n caespitosum		Phenology: I	R B FL X	_ S	
(Synon	ym: Hieracium prate	ense)				
Distribution	n: CLumped	Linear	_SEScattered ev	ren		
SPScattered Patchy X_ Continuous						
Total Acres: 26	Percent Infested	l <b>:</b> <1%	<b>Infested Acres</b>	: ~0.15		
% Cover or Count (weeds):	<1% (~60 plants)	Und	Understory Cover % (all):40-90%			
Potential to Spread: High x	Med_Low_	_ Dist	ance to Water:	>30m		
Water Type: Perennial_	Ephemeral	System:	Lake River	Spring_ Stre	am	
Soil Types: sandy loam to sandy lithosol		Slope % aspect: 2-20%, Aspect variable				
Other Species on Site:		•				

### **Comments**

The hawkweed treated here is not in the same location formerly recorded with the infestation ID numbers MH3555 and MH3560. Plants have not been relocated at these older infestation sites.





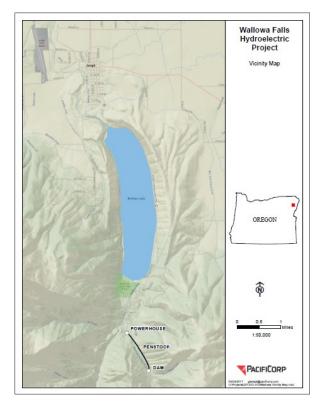
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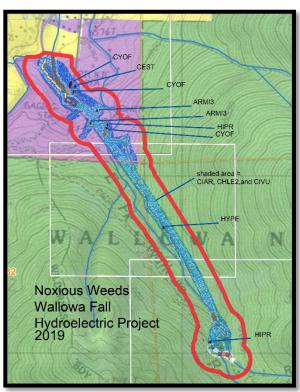
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Botanist Initial:	<b>Elevation:</b>	_	PS Coordinates:	Datum:			
Wildlife Biologist:	4700'- 5800'	to	483259 E 5012652N 484159E 5011062N	UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11			
EDRR:_Y_N GPS	S File Name:		Other Observations:				
Access: Road Trail X	River_ Other o	can	npground				
<b>Township:</b> <u>3S</u> <b>Range:</b> <u>45E</u> <b>Section:</b> <u>33</u> <u>NW<sup>1</sup>/4 of NW<sup>1</sup>/4, SW<sup>1</sup>/4 of NW<sup>1</sup>/4, NW<sup>1</sup>/4 of SW<sup>1</sup>/4, SE<sup>1</sup>/4 of SW<sup>1</sup>/4</u>							
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 29 SW 1/4							
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 32 NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> of NE <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>							

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: CHL	E2 Cor	mmon Na	n Name: Oxeye Daisy				
Scientific Name: Leucanthe	emum vulgare			Phenology: R B FL X S			
(Synonym- Ca	hrysanthemum	leucanth	emum)				
Distribution: CLumped Linear SE Scattered even							
SP Scattered Patchy X_ Continuous							
Total Acres: 26	Percent Infested: <1%			Infested Acres: ~0.3			
% Cover or Count (weeds):	~1000		Understory Cover % (all):40-90%				
Potential to Spread: High_	Med <u>x</u> Low		<b>Distance to Water:</b> >30m				
Water Type: Perennial_	Ephemeral	Sys	tem: L	ake River Spring Stream			
Soil Types: sandy loam		Slo	Slope % aspect: 2-20%, Aspect variable				
Other Species on Site:							

### **Comments**





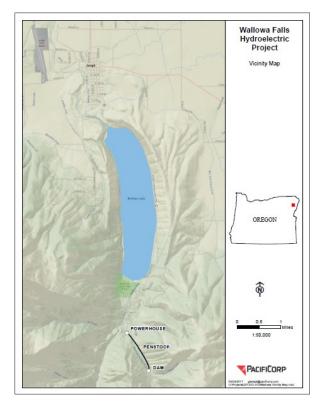
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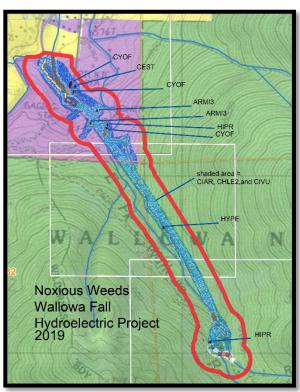
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Photo Name:			Examiner: Kendrick Mol	holt, Bio-Resources, Inc.		
Botanist Initial:				Datum:		
Wildlife Biologist:	4700'- 5000'	04	483409E 5012480N	UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11		
EDRR:YN GPS Fil	le Name:		Other Observations:			
Access: Road_X_ Trail_ River_ Other Campground						
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 29 1/4 sec: NW of 1/4 sec: SE						

### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: CEST Commo		Commo	on Name: Spotted Knapweed					
Scientific Name: Centaured	ı stoebe				Phenology: R B FL X S			
Synony	ym (Centau	ırea macul	losa)					
Distribution	: CLump	edL	inea	r	SEScattered even			
SPScattered Patchy X_ Continuous								
Total Acres: 26	Percent I	nfested:	<1%		Infested Acres: ~0.25			
% Cover or Count (weeds):	dozens		Understory Cover % (all):40-90%					
Potential to Spread: High x	_ MedI	Low	Distance to Water: >30m					
Water Type: Perennial_ Ephemeral		System: Lake River Spring Stream						
Soil Types: sandy loam		Slope % aspect: 2-10%, Aspect variable						
Other Species on Site:								

### Comments





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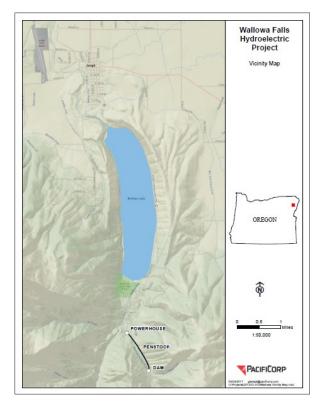
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Photo Name:				Examiner: Kendrick Mo	holt, Bio-Resources, Inc.		
Botanist Initial: Wildlife Biologist:		Elevation: 5500'	ion: GPS Coordinates: 0484018E 5011521N		Datum: UTM (NAD 27) Zone 11		
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Access: Road Trail_X River Other#							
Township: 3SRange: 45E Section: 33 1/4 sec: NW							

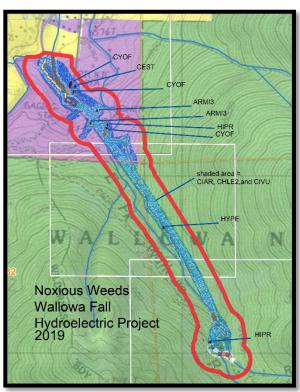
#### **Site Data Information**

Target Species Code: HIPE Common			on Name: St. John's Wort				
Scientific Name: Hypericum perforatum				Phenology: R B FL X_ S			
Distribution: CLumpedLinearSEScattered even SPScattered Patchy X_ Continuous							
Total Acres: 26	Percent Infested: <1% In			Infested Acres: ~0.1			
% Cover or Count (weeds): ~	-50		Unde	erstory Cover % (all): 90%			
Potential to Spread: High	MedLow	v <u>X</u>	Dista	nce to Water: >30m			
Water Type: Perennial I	Ephemeral_	Sy	stem: I	Lake River Spring Stream			
Soil Types: sandy loam		Sl	Slope % aspect: 2%, 230°				
Other Species on Site:							

### **Comments**

Approximately 1 mile from trailhead on Wallowa Falls Maintenance Road (NE of the FS1804 trail switchback on the Sec. 32/33 border).





# Herbicide Application (2510) Data Form

#### **General Treatment Data**

Treatment Area Name	Owner	FACTS ID #	Subunit	Project
Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project	USFS & PacifiCorp			Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project
<b>Equipment</b>	Fund Code	Comments		
4-Wheeler spray rig, backpack spray rig	NA			

### Infestation/Target Species

INFESTATION_ID	Species Name	% Infested	Infested Area Treat	Phenology
TBD	Meadow Hawkweed Hieracium caespitosum	<1%	0.05 ac USFS (spot app) 0.10 ac PacifiCorp (spot app)	Flowering
TBD	Bull Thistle Cirsium vulgare	<1%	0.10 ac USFS (spot app) 0.05 ac PacifiCorp (spot app)	Flowering
TBD	Canada Thistle Cirsium arvense	<1%	U.U. ac Pacificord (spot app)	Flowering
TBD	Common Burdock Arctium minus		0.10 ac PacifiCorp (spot app)	
TBD	Hounds' Tongue Cynoglossum officinale	<1%	0.15 ac PacifiCorp (spot app)	Flowering
TBD	Oxeye Daisy Leucanthemum vulgare	<1 70	IO.O5 ac Pachicord (spot add)	Flowering
TBD	Spotted Knapweed Centaurea stoebe	<1%	0.25 ac PacifiCorp (spot app)	Flowering
TBD	St. John's Wort Hypericum perforatum	<1%	0.10 ac USFS (spot app)	Flowering

### DailyLog

<b>Application Site</b>	Licensed Applicator Name and License#					Applicators (other)					
Wallowa Falls Hydroelectric Project campground, trail and fore bay area		Veezy Contracting #AG-L 1009406 CPA									
<b>Application Date</b>	Application Area (Acres)		Time St	art Time Stop	Temp (F)	Wind Speed (MPH)	Wind Direction	Cloud Cov	over RH%		Water Distance
17 July 2019		1.5	0700	1500	80°F	1-3	NW	clear	30	0	>30m
Calibrated Volume		UOM		Volume Applied		UOM		Mix (oz/gal)		Dilutent	
16		Gal/Acre		24		Gal		0.44		Water	
Herb Product Name			EPA Reg	<del>‡</del>	<b>Product Rate</b>	UOM Additi			Rate UO		
Milestone		62719-519			7	Oz/Ac	INSIST 90		12	Oz/Ac	

**Remarks**: Bio-Resources, Inc contract botanist, Kendrick Moholt, on site during application.

Appendix C
Tailrace reroute and Royal Purple
Pipe extension construction limits

