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2021 Year-End Summary



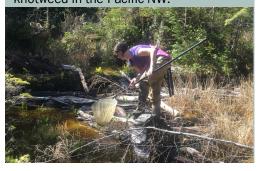


RESEARCH

- 3 Ecological Impact Studies
 - Scotch Broom
 - Reed Canarygrass
 - Hoh River Knotweed

Research to Fill Knowledge Gaps

Our current work addresses critical knowledge gaps regarding distribution of endemic species, invasive plants and their impacts to functional habitats, and watershed dynamics in response to climate disruptions. We are continuing studies on the impacts of invasive plants (Scotch broom and reed canarygrass) to ecosystem services and native plants in Pacific Northwest coastal riparian ecosystems, in addition to research on the distribution and status of the endemic Olympic Mudminnow. In the Hoh River Knotweed Study, 10KYI's research team is analyzing field data collected between 2001 & 2021 to identify longterm management strategies for knotweed in the Pacific NW





RESTORE

3,782 Acres Surveyed & Treated

29 Species Treated

470 Road Miles Surveyed

160 River Miles Surveyed

Local Jobs for Local Work

10KYI's Pulling Together: Jobs in Restoration Program provides training and jobs to members of the local community while preventing the spread of invasive species in coastal watersheds. The program establishes a model for a skilled, locally-based workforce providing ecological services, and engaging in community education and landowner collaboration. In 2021, we partnered with agencies, tribes, and project sponsors to support healthy habitats by integrating invasive plant prevention into all other resource management activities.

25 Full-Time Positions Filled in 2021:

- Restoration Field Technicians
- Restoration Crew Lead
- Project Coordinator

10KYI trains staff in survey methods, invasive plant identification and treatment, native plant identification and seedling transplant, plot and transect establishment, and field data collection. We employ restoration and research staff eleven months out of the year! Visit our website for position descriptions.



EDUCATE

11 Presentations

4 Field tours

6 Symposia & Conferences

Outreach and Education

In addition to presenting at regional workshops and field tours, in 2021 we collaborated with regional partners to initiate an accredited natural resources coursework and field study program, to be offered locally through Peninsula College. Huxley College of the Environment (WWU), Grays Harbor College. The program's goal is to develop skills to those interested in jobs in monitoring, research, restoration, and natural resources managementlearning in the field with regional project managers. The program will also engage high school students on a natural resources career path with curricula from Pacific Education Institute...more to come!

10,000 Years Institute

We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that evaluates the effects of human activities on natural environments – the forests, rivers, wetlands and estuaries that sustain our communities and ecosystems. Through development of innovative, science-based approaches to restore ecological integrity, we promote sustainable practices in landscapes across the region.

Survey & Control Sites Bull Thistle 28 sites / 0.99 acres Reference Layers 255 sites / 34.53 acres Canada Thistle 5 sites / 0.003 acres Common Tansy 19 sites / 0.029 acres **Enalish Holly** WRIA Boundary Evergreen Blackberry 18 sites / 4.43 acres Everlasting Peavine 7 sites / 0.03 acres 10 sites / 0.04 acres Foxglove **Administrative Agency** Hawkweed Species 3 sites / 0.06 acres Herb Robert 610 sites / 121.21 acres Himalayan Blackberry 27 sites / 4.43 acres Spotted Jewelweed 37 sites / 0.58 acres Knapweed Species 1 site / 25 sq. ft. Knotweed Species 272 sites / 1.481 acres

1 site / 15 sq. ft.

470 sites / 15.12 acres

946 sites / 324.87 acres

88 sites / 5.148 acres 217 sites / 42.71 acres

12 sites / 0.18 acres

1 site / 150 sq. ft.

1 site / 1 sq. ft. 27 sites / 1.93 acres 27 sites / 1.93 acres

Morning Glory

Orange Hawkweed

Queen Anne's Lace Reed Canarygrass

Scotch Broom

St. John's-wort

Tansy Ragwort

Yellow Flag Iris Yellow Archangel Primary Highway

Light-Duty Road

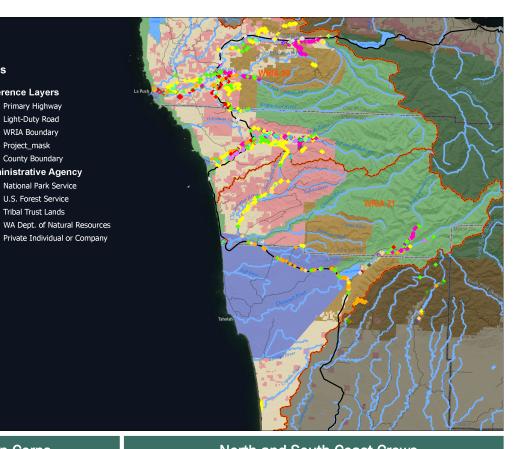
County Boundary

National Park Service

U.S. Forest Service

Tribal Trust Lands

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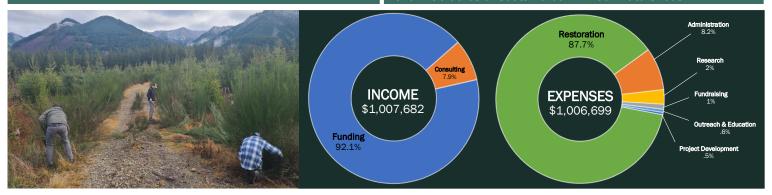
Washington Conservation Corps



10KYI partnered with the Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) to treat invasive species on state and federal forestland and roads in the Sol Duc watershed. The crew worked 600 hours treating Scotch broom and herb Robert to support forest health, reduce wildfire risk, and allow native plants to thrive. We appreciate their hard work!

North and South Coast Crews

10KYI's South Coast Crew (Queets to Ocean Shores) surveyed and treated over 112 acres of dense Scotch broom along the Washington coast at Griffiths Priday State Park. Below left, the North Coast Crew from the Forks area cleared over 250 acres of Scotch broom in four watersheds.



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