

GREEK CREEK CAMPGROUND

Gallatin Valley *What's In Your World?* Pilot Resource Improvement Project 2008-2009

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Youth volunteers inventory and hand pull 47 bags of spotted knapweed at Greek Creek Campround.

Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) integrated curricula from the statewide "What's In Your World?" Youth Naturalist - Weed Scientist education program into their existing outdoor science education and leader development programs.



Youth volunteers surveyed the eight-acre campground, weeds were inventoried then 47 bags of spotted knapweed were pulled from the concentrated patch at Greek Creek Campground.

Plant survey and weed removal

Greek Creek Campground is a knapweed hotspot. Bozeman Ranger District Resource Manager John Councilman trained Montana Conservation Corps field crew to use GPS (global positioning system) equipment to inventory the campground.



Several hundred pounds of weeds pulled



Who did the leader training?

Technical Assistants - Montana University System
Will Harmon - University of Montana Missoula
Elliott Kennerson, Mike Kippenhan, and Rick Verploegen - Montana State University Bozeman

Resource Managers

John Ansley - Galatin County Weed District
John Councilman - Bozeman Ranger District (BRD)
Brian Oueverman - Gallatin GIS

Regional Educators

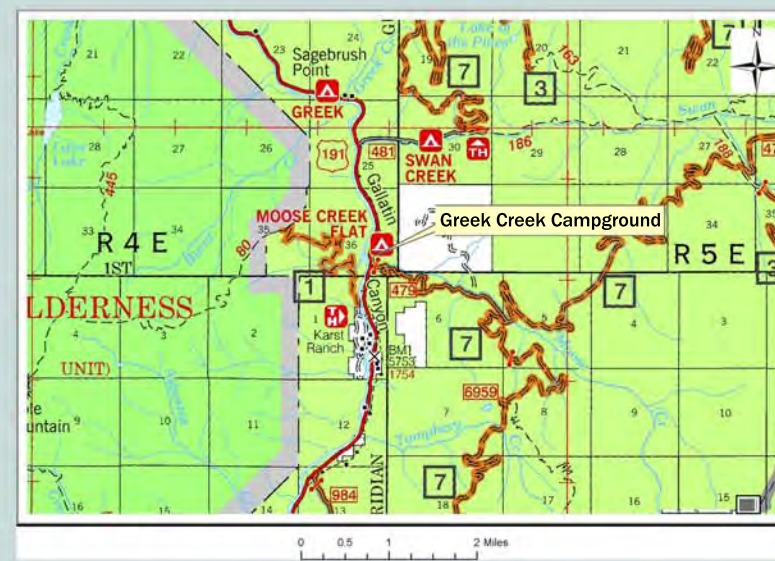
Todd Breitenfeldt - Whitehall Schools
Carla Hoopes - Montana State University Bozeman

Who did the work?

7 leaders (MCC)
1 technician (BRD)

Greek Creek Campground is a hotspot for spotted knapweed!

Montana Conservation Corps Youth Engaged in Service Field Crew Members:



Catherine Gimino
Tricia Tobin
Violet Green
Jesse Macias
Mike Rosenberg
Mike Billington
Kristy Marks

Weed treated

- spotted knapweed



Benefits to Forest and community stakeholders

This popular campground rests next to the Gallatin River and has been a difficult weed site to manage because of the heavy amount of public use. Spotted knapweed was the primary species targeted by the Bozeman Ranger District, Montana State University, and the Montana Conservation Corps. Hand pulling was the control method of choice. An herbicide treatment will follow this fall.

Resources improved along the Gallatin River Corridor

The Montana Conservation Corps youth field crew dove into the Greek Creek job with enthusiasm pulling over 800 pounds of spotted knapweed filling 47 bags with weeds.

Maintaining control of weeds in this campground reduces the chances of visitors transporting weeds to other areas; especially further down the river corridor.

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