



Pulling Together Initiative

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ABOUT NFWF

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores our nation's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Created by Congress in 1984, NFWF directs public conservation dollars to the most pressing environmental needs and matches those investments with private funds. Learn more at www.nfwf.org

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Students removing invasive grasses in California. | Credit: Edward Belden, National Forest Foundation

BACKGROUND

Invasive plant species represent one of the most significant threats to the ecology of the United States, degrading millions of acres of critical wildlife habitat each year. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) provides grants to promote the conservation of natural habitats by preventing, managing, or eradicating invasive and noxious plant species. The program is a partnership between NFWF, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service.

PROGRAM PRIORITIES

PTI grants are intended to help support cooperative weed management partnerships, such as Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) and Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs). These kinds of partnerships bring together weed experts, local organizations, landowners, and citizen groups to develop and implement strategies for managing invasive plant infestations on private and public lands. PTI offers funding annually and eligible recipients include non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and state, tribal, federal, and local governments.

RESULTS TO DATE

Since 1997, PTI has awarded approximately \$23 million to over 640 projects that are helping to protect and conserve the Nation's key ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Grantees have matched this funding with an additional \$49 million, for a total on-the-ground impact of over \$72 million.