

## FY97 PROJECTS PLANNED OR ACCOMPLISHED

- Inventory special status plants, noxious weeds, and other botanical resources on:
  - 8,300 acres of BLM-administered lands on Stukel Mountain.
  - 2,300 acres of BLM-administered lands proposed for juniper thinning near Gerber Reservoir.
- Continue Challenge Cost Share project initiated in FY96 to write a Conservation Strategy for red root yampah (*Perideridia erythorrhiza*). This project will involve reviewing drafts of the strategy, doing more work on the project, collecting plant material for the strategy's author, and participating in field tours of population sites. The final product is due spring of 1998.
- Continue monitoring of Howelli Columbia cress (*Rorippa columbiae*).
- Monitor vegetation sample plots in the Wood River Wetland, as provided in the RMP/EIS to occur every year for the first three years after livestock removal.
- Celebrate wildflower activities by planning and funding similar effort as FY96 wildflower contest and display.
- Conduct site clearance work as needed in response to proposed management actions from other programs such as timber, range, wildlife, and lands.

## NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT

The emphasis of the resource area's noxious weed program is weed inventory, site monitoring, public education, and treatment. Treatment in 1996 was accomplished through a cooperative agreement with Klamath County's Department of Public Works, which performs the actual control work on BLM-administered lands. For more information, contact Lou Whiteaker at 541-885-4136.

## FY96 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Administered contracts for systematic inventory of noxious weeds on 7,160 acres in the Topsy-Pokegama area and 4,170 acres near Gerber Reservoir.
- Treated 94 noxious weed-infested sites on 100 acres of BLM-administered lands. Treatment involved both chemical and manual methods and was done by the Klamath County noxious weed treatment crew.
- Monitored approximately 60 percent of sites that were treated for noxious weeds. The monitoring was done by BLM personnel for treatment effectiveness and non-target effects.
- Released biological control organisms at 15 weed sites within the resource area.
- Held noxious weed identification workshop in the resource area in June 1996.
- Processed several new reports of noxious weed-infested sites. The reports were received from various field personnel in the resource area.