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Alabama

Alabama State Cogongrass Task Forces' War on Cogongrass

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 6,281,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Alaska

Alaska Weed Management

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,140,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Aleutians East Borough; Bristol Bay Borough; Fairbanks North Star Borough; Kenai Peninsula Borough; Kodiak Island Borough; Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Southeast Fairbanks Census Area; Valdez-Cordova Census Area; Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area

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California

Invasive Plant Distressed County

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 332,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Humboldt, Los Angeles

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Invasive Plant Region-wide

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 7,179,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Georgia

Georgia Forestry Commission Cogongrass Eradication

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,795,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Hawaii

Hawaii/PI Invasive Plants

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 4,486,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Hawaii, Honolulu, Kalawao, Kauai, Maui

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Massachusetts

Massachusetts Native Species (Invasive) Ecological Restoration

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 538,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Michigan

Invasive Species Control

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,692,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Mississippi

Eradication of Invasive Species in Mississippi

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,167,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: statewide

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Tombigbee and Holly Springs National Forests Invasive Species (Kudzu)

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 1,600,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: Mississippi Kudzu Coalition

Counties: Benton, Choctaw, Lafayette, Marshall, Tippah, Union, Winston, Yalobusha

Kudzu is a vigorously spreading invasive weed that can grow at a rate of 70 feet per year. With this rate of expansion, kudzu infestations are widespread across northern Mississippi and made more difficult to control due to mixed landownership. The only way to suppress this aggressive pest is to work cooperatively at a broad scale across the landscape and across landownership. The National Forests in Mississippi has joined with other federal, state, and local agencies along with conservation groups and academia to form the Mississippi Kudzu Coalition to collaboratively combat this invasive species. Kudzu is not only a threat to ecological diversity on forested lands, but it also contributes to the intensity of woodland fires and loss of timber-related revenues. Work associated with this project will involve multiple treatments of approximately 2,700 acres of kudzu over several years. Treatments for kudzu control will be contracted, and areas that are adjacent to cooperative landowners will be given priority.

North Carolina

Control of invasive species which are affecting 2 federally listed species along 9 miles of Cheoah River

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 120,000 for Wildland Fire Management

County: Graham

There are 12 non-native invasive species on the Cheoah River banks or in the river impacting two federally listed species: *Virginia Spiraea* (a federally threatened shrub) and the Appalachian Elktoe (a federally endangered mussel). The project area will be nine miles of river, from one dam to the next reservoir, adjacent to Alcoa Power Generating's Tapoca Hydroelectric project. The locations of the non-native invasive species are already known. Contractors will treat those with aquatic approved herbicides. The benefits will include a weed-free river that will be more pleasant for white-water rafters and protecting federally listed species.

Ohio

Create an Invasive Species Job Corp

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 4,419,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Gallia, Guernsey, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, Washington

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Oregon

State Forests Forest Health Improvements

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,243,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Coos, Douglas, Linn

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Noxious Weed Abatement

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 135,000 for Wildland Fire Management

County: Linn

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Linn/Lane County Noxious Weed Treatment

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 135,000 for Wildland Fire Management

County: Linn

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Rhode Island

Invasive Vegetation Survey and Eradication

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 673,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Bristol, Kent, Newport, Providence, Washington

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South Carolina

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Control to Protect Watersheds in South Carolina

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 179,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Counties: Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg

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Non-Native Invasive Plant Control

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 700,000 for Wildland Fire Management

Partners: National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, South Carolina Native Plant Society, South Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council, Clemson University

Counties: Abbeville, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Saluda, Union

The highly fragmented pattern of private and public land ownership in the South makes control of invasive species an important cooperative goal for National Forests, private landowners, state agencies, and private organizations in South Carolina. This project focuses on forest-wide treatment and control of non-native plant species such as cogongrass, Japanese climbing fern, Chinese tallow, Chinese wisteria, kudzu, Chinese privet, trifoliolate orange, and autumn olive. Work is anticipated to include an initial phase of inventory and documentation of affected areas and a second phase of treatment and control. Specialized local and regional workers are expected to be hired for each phase of the project. This effort is part of an integrated and highly supported public effort to control and eradicate non-native invasive species across the state.

Washington

Spokane Indian Reservation Forest Health Projects

Date of Announcement: May 13, 2009

Estimated Funding: \$ 2,243,000 for Wildland Fire Management

County: Stevens

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