

HOW TO USE



AN INTRODUCTION TO USING GOATS FOR BRUSH CONTROL

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Let's Be Realistic



Management vs Eradication

DESIGNING A MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

What are your goals?

What tools are available?

What is your budget?

WHAT TO EXPECT

Site Evaluation

brush density, terrain and hazards

Keeping the Goats Contained

fencing and energizers

Herd and Project Maintenance

daily management and insurance

GOATS IN THE TOOLBOX

Difficult access

Thick heavy brush

Steep hillsides

Rocky areas

Hidden hazards

Sensitive areas



WHAT'S HIDING IN THE BUSHES?



Stumps

Boulders

Retaining Walls

Ground Wasps

Creekbeds

Downed Trees

Holes

Equipment/Buildings

Old Fences

A HERD OF BENEFITS



Reduce or eliminate herbicides

Prevent seed production

Reduce risk to hand crews

Reduce or eliminate disposal fees

WHAT DO GOATS EAT?

Black mustard

Blackberry

Bull thistle

Canada goldenrod

Canada thistle

Cheat Grass

Coyote Bush

Diffuse knapweed

English Ivy

Field bindweed

Gorse

Italian thistle

Kudzu

Leafy Spurge

Milk thistle

Locust Trees

Multiflora rose

Musk thistle

Purple Starthistle

Poison Oak

Rabbit brush

Russian knapweed

Russian Thistle

Sow thistle

Spotted knapweed

Wild Rose

Willow

Wormwood sage

Yarrow

Yellow mustard

WILLAMETTE VALLEY INVASIVES

Blackberry

Scotch Broom

English Ivy

Thistles

*Tansy

Poison Oak/Ivy

SCIENCE!!!



High-intensity-short-duration goat browsing applied in the summer for 1 or 2 yr reduced English ivy percent cover. Samples treated for 1 yr were reduced to 23% cover and those treated for two years were reduced to 4% cover.

-English Ivy (*Hedera* spp., Araliaceae)

Response to Goat Browsing

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