

Valles Caldera National Preserve
 Stewardship Register
Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Project

Stewardship Action:	Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Project	File Number:	60800
Target Start Date:	Summer 2007	Actual Start Date:	Summer 2007
Target Completion Date:	Ongoing	Actual Completion Date:	Ongoing

Introduction

September 2003 the Responsible Official of the Valles Caldera Trust signed an implementing decision to proceed with the eradication of three species of noxious weeds (Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*); musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*); and bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*) on the Valles Caldera National Preserve (*Noxious Weed Control and Eradication Project, Valles Caldera Trust 2003*, http://www.vallescaldera.gov/get_involved/stars/docs/200303NoxiousWeedControlandEradicationProject.pdf). The project was targeted for completion in three years. The Trust is proposing to extend the project for annual implementation as needed. While no additional species of noxious weeds have been detected and previously known populations of the thistles have been eradicated, several new or previously undiscovered thistles populations have been identified. Upon a review of the current Stewardship Register including the Environmental Analysis (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), the Trust has decided to continue with the current program for the control and eradication of these weeds. The only adjustment to the Stewardship Action is the extension of the projects termination date as previously described.

Responsible Official: Dennis Trujillo Title: Preserve Manager

Signature: _____ Date: _____