



The Elephant Hill Wildfire Invasive Plant Program - Lessons Learned

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2019 TO 2021

ELEPHANT HILL WILDFIRE INVASIVE PLANT PROGRAM

Final Report

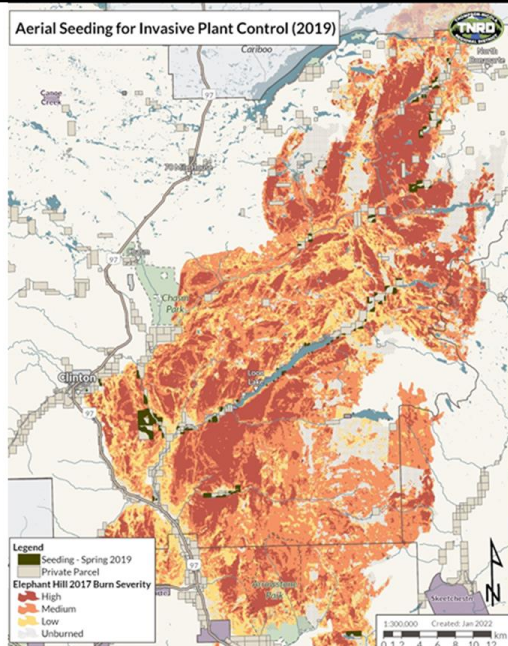


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Elephant Hill Wildfire Area, Burn Intensity



Seeding in Black, limited private property



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Outreach



Landholders Advisory group meetings in Clinton to review seeding program,
Pressy lake and Loon Lake Open Invasive Plant Open Houses,
Ashcroft Community Meeting, Clinton Stockmen's Association meeting,
Society for Range Management Fire Recovery Tour
Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary presentations
Press releases for the aerial seeding program and for open houses, with follow up
interviews with CBC and NL radio
Wildfire program webpage added to the TNIPMC website
Doorknockers produced with program and contact information to over 100 people
Updates and information was shared on relevant community and Facebook pages as
well as the Thompson-Nicola Invasive Plant Management Committee's (TNIPMC)
Facebook page.
Individual site visits and calls to private land owner



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Seeding





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Chemical Treatments

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Coordinating multiple contractors.



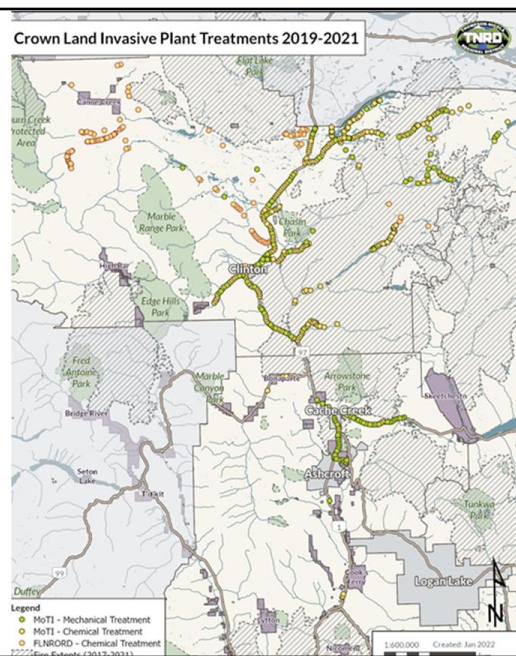
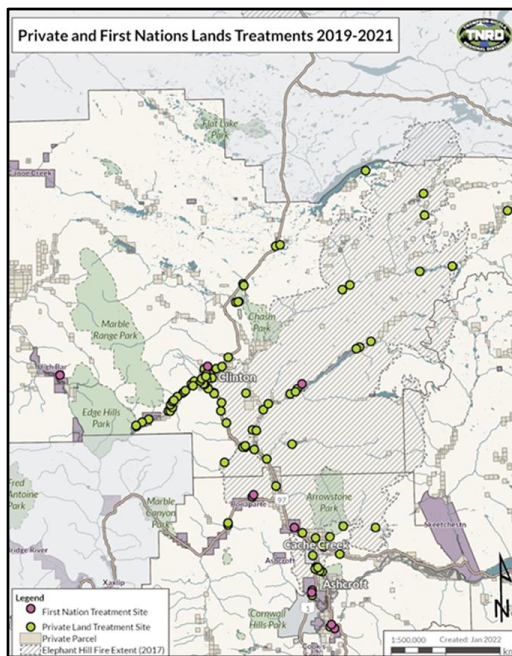
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Mechanical Treatments



Photo 11. Treatment of Spotted knapweed near Ashcroft

Handpulling by Riparian area
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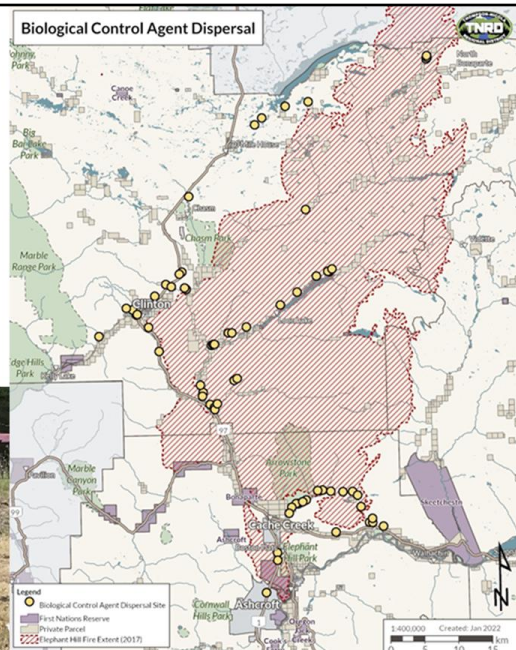


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Biological Treatments



Photo 13. Biocontrol release site at Clinton

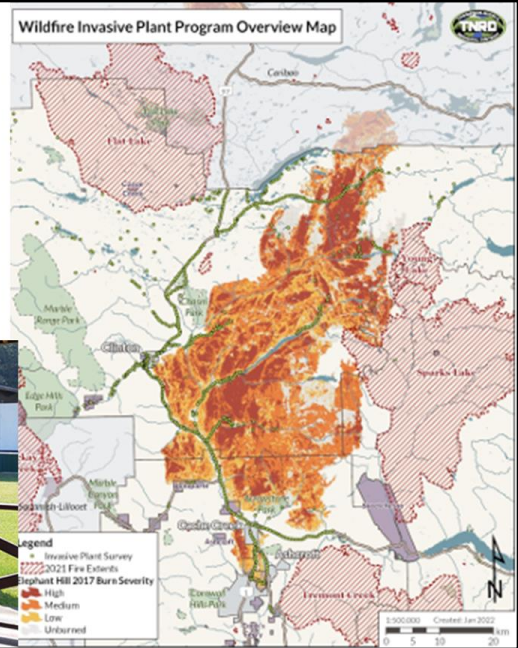


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Surveys, 2021 Fires and more Outreach

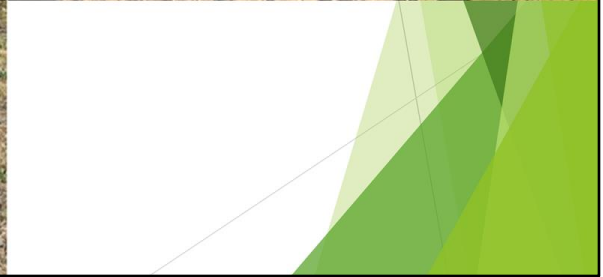


Flexibility,
Mike in EOC, Weeds are the last thing on anyone's mind



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Prevention





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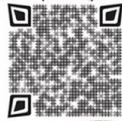
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