12PM Friday Recitation 023 Students Only

Forest Habitat Restoration-2

Sponsored by: OSU College Forests

Thursday, January 25

1pm – 5pm

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***Project Description:***

OSU College Forests needs to fight the scourge of the forest know as Himalayan blackberry, and restore the forest to its former glory! HBB readily invades riparian areas, forest edges, oak woodlands, meadows, roadsides, clear-cuts and any other relatively open area, including all open forest types. Once it becomes well established, HBB out competes low stature native vegetation and can prevent establishment of shade intolerant trees leading to the formation of permanent HBB thickets with little other vegetation present. The resulting dense thickets can limit movement of large animals from meadow to forest and vice versa, reducing the utility of small openings and meadows as foraging areas. Although the fruit is widely consumed by native animals, and some butterflies use HBB, it is a poor functional replacement for a diverse native forest understory, meadow or riparian floodplain.

**Each Group consists of a Group Leader with up to five other group members.**

All members of the group are required to attend the actual work site and work. Then you can divide up the Group Project Paper writing and Group Presentation as you wish.

**GROUP LEADER Responsibilities:**

1. Contact the “contact person” the first week of classes.

2. Be sure that all group members are aware of the project date and location and plan to show up.

3. Organize the group—which group members will produce the written report and which group members will

prepare the oral presentation.

A class presentation on the project will be required at the end of the term. This presentation is accompanied by a 500 word report to be turned in at the same time. The report requirements will be outlined by your TA during a Group Project Workshop recitation in Week # 8.