

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Weed Day (Logan)

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Ten people braved wet weather to participate in Logan's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Weed Day, May 18, 2019. It had rained earlier that morning and the forecast called for more rain, but these hearty souls were not deterred. Sponsored by the US Forest Service, Utah Native Plant Society, Bridgerland Audubon and Logan City, the event began at 9:00 at Logan's Canyon Entrance ("First Dam") Park. Two USFS employees joined us there for a safety meeting and orientation, where we learned how to identify and manually weed the four plants of concern for the day; dyers woad, Scotch thistle, burdock and houndstongue. Weeding tools were provided although most people brought their own.

There was plenty of woad and thistle on the nearby slopes and burdock along the shore, so we didn't have to go far to get started. The rain-softened ground made for relatively easy digging and soon the weeds were piling up. By about 11:00 the nearby slope was pretty much weeded. One person went north on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, three others went up to the River Trail and others kept working on the burdock.

The weeding project ended at 1:00, as planned, just as the rain started pouring down (we probably would have canceled the event if it had been raining like this at the beginning). We had removed dyers woad and Scotch thistle from about 1/2 acre on the slope between Canyon Road and US-89, burdock from about 200 feet of shoreline and burdock and houndstongue from 1/3 mile of the River Trail between Second Dam to the switchbacks. The burdock was bagged and put in park dumpsters while the dyers woad and Scotch thistle was placed by the side of the road where Logan City could pick up the piles.

This was a successful effort and we hope to do it again next year. If more people get involved it should only take a few years before we could see significant weed reductions on the City property at the mouth of Logan Canyon and Forest Service land along the River Trail (and then we could move on to other areas).



Weed orientation at the Canyon Entrance (First Dam) Park pavilion



**Digging dyers woad and Scotch thistle from the slope between US-89 and Canyon Road**



**Digging burdock along the River Trail**



**Digging burdock from the shoreline**



**"Before" (left) and "After" (right)**