

ADOPT A TRAIL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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Please contact me if you are interested in adopting a trail this summer!!

- **General project description**

RMBL is coordinating with the US Forest Service to identify and eradicate weeds in the back country. Volunteers will work with the Science Director to choose a section of trail they wish to monitor.

- **Tasks** There are two steps in adopting a trail. First, volunteers identify and document the location of weeds, using RMBL datasheets. Once identifications have been confirmed with the Science Director, volunteers can pull weeds: yellow toadflax, ox-eye daisies, scentless chamomile, salsify, houndstongue, and wintercress. Because native thistles are commonly mistaken as invasive, thistles require a positive identification by the Science Director or a thistle expert, before the invasive Canada thistle and Musk Thistle are removed.

- **Number of volunteers needed.**

Five to Ten.

- **Meeting place and time (directions to meeting place).**

Orientation in June or July with the Science Director. Volunteers set their own schedule after their orientation.

- **Time commitment (e.g., 1 day, 5 consecutive days, 1 day per week all summer.....).**

Adopting a trail requires a minimum 2 day commitment, but it is flexible beyond that.

- **Special requirements & things to bring (e.g. age limits, hiking/physical ability, volunteer-provided equipment such as binoculars).**

We're looking for volunteers ages 18 and up and excited to hike and to get rid of weeds in the back country. Volunteers should bring what they need to be comfortable hiking and weeding outside (e.g. water, snacks, sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, comfortable clothes and shoes, gardening gloves, possibly clippers, and a rain jacket). A device that has GPS coordinates is helpful, but not essential. RMBL will provide datasheets and garbage bags.