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Watershed TA IGA: 2024 Work Report

The following report summarizes the activities conducted through 1/31/2025 under an approved Scope of Work dated 4/11/24 according to an IGA dated 6/1/2023 between the City of Port Orford and Curry Soil and Water Conservation District.

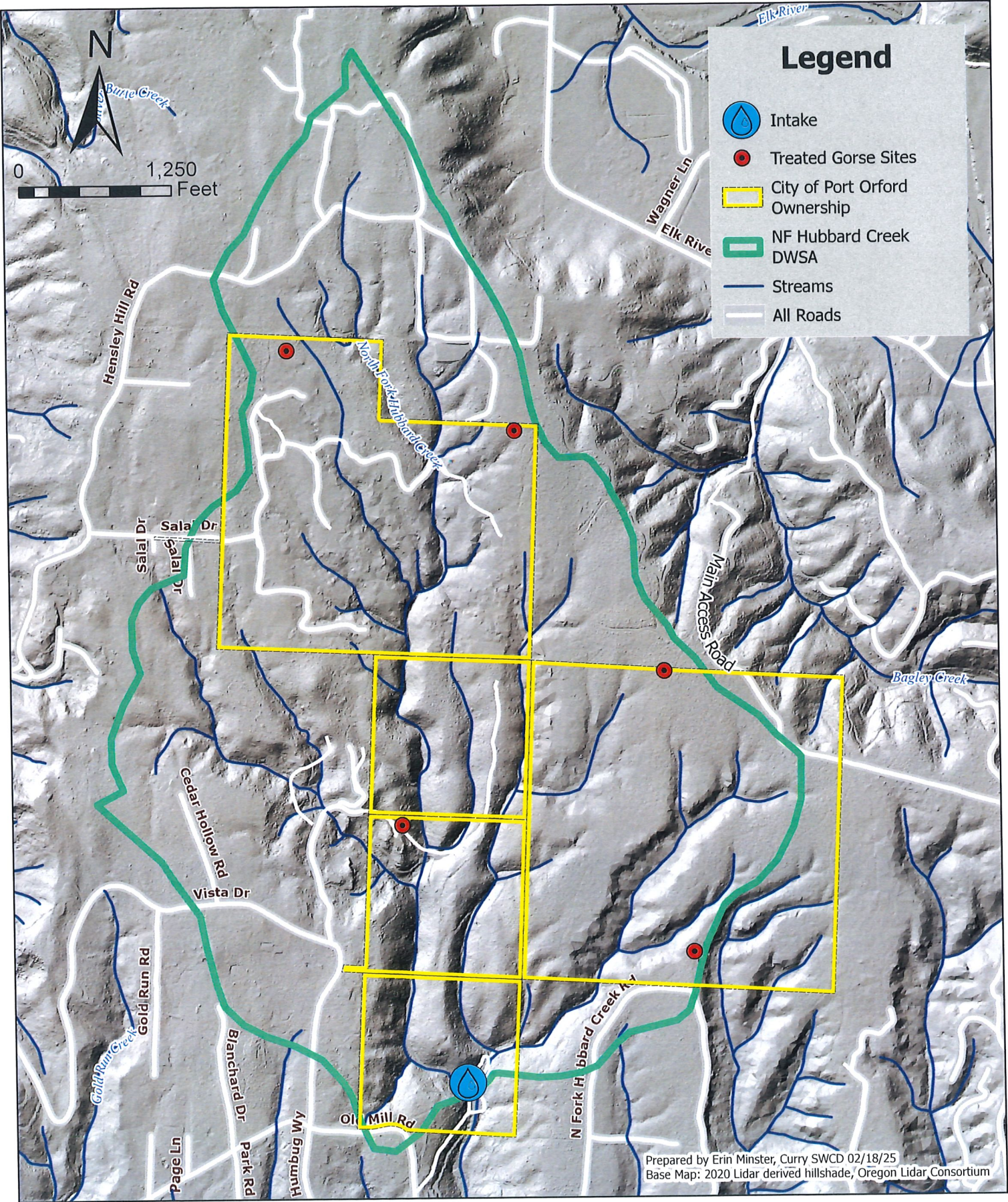
Noxious Weed Control Activities:

- **Funding: Curry SWCD grant: *USFS CWDG: Gorse Fuels Treatment to Reduce Catastrophic Wildfire***
 - 25.5 acres
 - Gorse was manually controlled at two locations within parcel 32S15W TL 6500 (AKA Sorenson Parcel) in May 2024. These areas have been under control since 2014. Treatment consists of weed eating gorse plants to release plantings and suppress growth of gorse.
- **Funding: City of Port Orford funding: *DEQ SRF 1: Loan Agreement Number R74101***
 - 1.538 acres
 - City owned parcels were surveyed for any gorse infestations. Three sites were previously known and one new site was found. The new site was expected as the result of suppression activities conducted in June 2022 to contain a wildfire that spread onto tax lot 6900 (Wilson Parcel)
 - Vista Access Road (TL 1300): Chemically treated gorse and scotch broom along access road, mix of cut-stump and foliar
 - Wilson Parcel, NF Hubbard Access Road (TL 6900): Chemically treated gorse, cut-stump.
 - Wilson Parcel, Bagely Creek Access Road (TL 6900): Manually pulled 226 sprouts in burn scar/suppression lines. Chemically treated plants along access road.
 - Wilson Parcel: 100 POC-resistant trees were planted in January 2025 with help from POWC volunteers.
- **Funding: Curry SWCD grant: *Curry SWCD Fuels Management Agreement (OSFM)***
 - 2023-2024 City Limits and UGB: 55.71 acres, 17 landowners on 21 parcels and one ingress/egress route. Gorse control and defensible space treatments were conducted.

Technical Assistance Activities:

- **Funding: *Curry SWCD TA in-kind***
 - Assist City with budgets and work plan for North Fork Hubbard Creek Sediment Risk Reduction Planning Loan
- **Funding: City of Port Orford funding: *DEQ SRF 2: Loan agreement No. R74102***
 - Worked with City and City Engineer, Civil West, to define a scope of work for planning, design, and permitting for removing the failing culvert on the Vista Access Road.
 - Conducted field work to assist with design recommendations.
 - Consulted with ODFW on project scope.

Gorse Treatment: North Fork Hubbard Creek DWSA





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Watershed TA IGA: 2025 Scope of Work (SOW)

The following SOW outlines expected technical assistance and noxious weed control activities that will occur in 2025 on City of Port Orford owned properties as approved according to an IGA dated 6/1/2023 between the City of Port Orford and Curry Soil and Water Conservation District.

Noxious Weed Control Activities:

- **Funding: Curry SWCD grant: *USFS CDS: Curry Gorse Reduction***
 - Continue ongoing gorse treatments within the parcel 32S15W TL 6500 (AKA Sorenson Parcel). This property is subject to a conservation easement which constrains what type of activities can occur on that ground. Gorse control treatments have been ongoing, although not continuously, since 2014.
 - April-Dec. 2025: manual and mechanical control of gorse and maintenance of existing plantings to shade gorse for long term control.
 - Curry SWCD may expand treatments within the Sorenson parcel with other funding (SWCD managed grants) as it becomes available. Mature gorse within the naturally revegetated portions of the parcel are not currently within the treatment scope, but could be manually cut if additional funding is available.
- **Funding: City of Port Orford funding: *DEQ SRF 1: Loan Agreement Number R74101***
 - Survey and Treat gorse within additional City owned parcels 32S15W33D TL 100 & TL 1300, 33S15W04A TL 100, and 32S15W TL 6900 (Wilson Parcel).
 - May-Oct. 2024: manual, chemical, or mechanical control of found plants.
 - All chemical control will be targeted using techniques that minimize herbicide drift, overspray, and quantity, and performed by licensed applicators.

Technical Assistance Activities:

- Provide technical assistance (TA) to meet objectives proposed in recent DEQ CWSRF Planning Loan application for the North Fork Hubbard Creek Sediment Risk Reduction Planning.
 - March-June 2025: Conducted road inventory and sediment source assessment
 - February-July 2025:
 - Continue planning and consulting for Vista Access culvert removal project

- Submit grant applications for funding culvert removal implementation
- July-October 2025: Implement culvert removal if planning and funding are complete in time.