

# Report a Weed Form

Use this form to report invasive weed infestations in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and help the GPNF prioritize weed control efforts and protect native habitats. Please feel free to let us know if you can't identify the plant but are concerned that it could be an invasive weed infestation.

**Please fill in your name and contact information** in case we need more specific directions. Your personal information will not be shared.

**Please attach a photo of the plant or include a sample.** Form can be emailed or snail-mailed to: [emily@gptaskforce.org](mailto:emily@gptaskforce.org); Gifford Pinchot Task Force, 917 SW Oak Street, Suite 407, Portland, Oregon 97205. For photos and sample collection, please see instructions on back of form.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City and zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of weed (with UTM's if possible or road/ trail and milepost):**

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**Approximate size of infestation:**

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**Comments:**

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If you do take a sample, you can either send it or drop it off to the local Forest Service district office or include it with the form you send to Emily Platt at the Task Force.

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District  
10024 US Highway 12  
Randle, WA 98377  
360-497-1105

Mt. Adams Ranger District  
2455 Highway 141  
Trout Lake, WA 98650  
509-395-3400

Please place the sample in a plastic bag to prevent wilting. If the sample has to be held for more than a couple days it should be pressed. Collections should include flowers and/or fruits if possible. It is really helpful to search the population for any flowers or even old fruiting stalks if you can. Also needed are leaves, stems, or any stolons (creeping stems) for the hawkweeds. Collections can be conveniently pressed between the pages of an old phone book. Be sure to make a note on the page of the date and location, to avoid mixing up material from different sites. If you are not sure if the plant is a weed or not, and there are fewer than 20 individuals, do not collect a whole plant – just sample one flower or branch tip for identification. Photos work well in this situation.

For photos, sharp focus is most important, and closeups of the diagnostic features such as flowers and leaves are very helpful, as well as an overall view of plant habit.