



Broom Education and Eradication Program (BEEP) 2008-2009

***Goal: Eradicate invasive, highly
flammable Spanish, French and Scotch
broom from the Big Chico Creek and Little
Chico Creek Watersheds***

Project Partners

- BEEP volunteers
- Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve
- Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance
- Butte College students
- Butte County Fire-Safe Council
- Butte County Dept. of Public Works
- Butte County Resource Conservation District
- CalFire



More Partners



- California Conservation Corps
- California State Parks
- CSU Chico faculty & students
- Caltrans
- California Native Plant Society, Mt. Lassen Chapter
- City of Chico's Park Division
- Friends of Bidwell Park
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Watersheds.us

Outreach and Education



- **We are fellow Forest Ranchers that are working hard to make Forest Ranch safer during the fire season. The broom plant is a highly flammable invasive plant that increases fire danger in our neighborhoods. You have broom plants on your property and we would like to make you and your neighbors safer by helping you remove them. We have the proper tools and lots of experience. Please call 892-8726 to set up a Saturday morning when we can come help you remove your broom plants. Thanks for helping our community.**

Some 2008-2009 Project Statistics

- 50,000 broom plants pulled
- 1,100 volunteer broom pulling hours
- 10.6 net acres cleared
- 51 locations cleared of broom plants
- 22 newspaper articles
- 12 presentations & events



Project Funding



- Two-year \$9,995 grant from CDFA's Weed Management Area program



- \$104,000 in-kind cost share from the community and public agencies

Project Future



- Fundraising underway for 2010 broom pulling season
- Have identified broom pulling sites for 2010 & set up broom pulling schedule
- Continuing long-term monitoring and re-treatment
- Planning more educational outreach & collaborative projects with other communities

B.E.E.P. at Work

Before



After

