



Improving the riparian habitat of the Snoqualmie River

TYPE OF WORK
Survey for map and treat noxious weeds that threaten habitat and biodiversity on rivers.

Sayward Glise
Riparian Noxious Weed Control Specialist
King County Noxious Weed Control Program



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TYPICAL DAY: If I have contractors working for me, I will meet them on site and get them started for the day. I give them GPS units, log sheets and maps for the day's survey and treatment activities. Afterwards I head to the stretch of river I will be surveying/treating. I generally work in areas that are best suited for one or two individuals, rather than a whole crew, or a site that requires special training like working in swiftwater or rafting.

CAREER PATHWAY:

I served two years in AmeriCorps doing environmental restoration. Between my two years in AmeriCorps I also worked as a restoration technician. In all of these positions my crew was contracted by KCNWCP. When a position with King County became available, I had the experience and contacts needed to be the strongest applicant for the job.



Riparian noxious weed control crew traveling to a project site.

IMPORTANT SKILLS
Plant ID, Best Management Practices/best available science, Integrated Pest Management, survey methods, data collection and management.

EDUCATION
Four-Year Degree

SALARY RANGE
\$25,000-\$50,000

TOOLS OF THE TRADE
Maps, GPS units, ArcMap, Collector app for iPhone, herbicide, hand/backpack sprayer, raft/kayak, jet boat, MS Office Suite (especially Excel and Access).

"I feel a strong sense of purpose in my job. The work that I do makes a positive impact on the local environment and my community." - Sayward Glise