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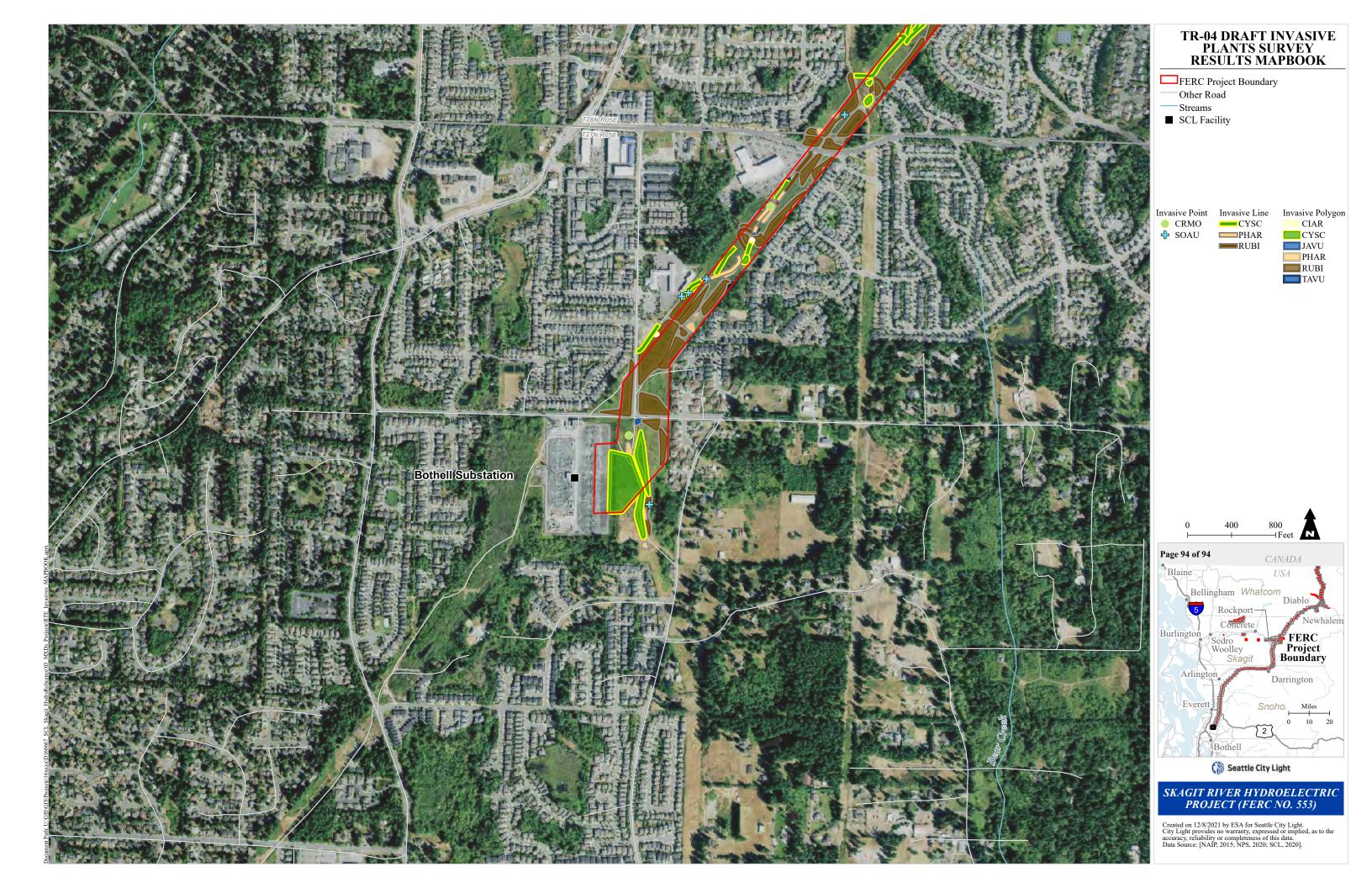
SKAGIT RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (FERC NO. 553)

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INVASIVE PLANTS STUDY INTERIM REPORT

ATTACHMENT E

ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF OBSERVED INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

Table E-1.	Ecological effects of observed invasive plant species (* denotes National Park Service First Priority Species).
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Scientific Name	Common Name	State Listed	Invasive Traits	Allelopathic/ Toxic	Alters Soil Chemistry/ Fixes Nitrogen	Alters Succession	Reduces Biodiversity	Promotes Frequency and Novel Types of Disturbance	Alters Soil Biota/Soil Microbial Community	Alters Availability of Resources (e.g., Food for Pollinators, Fructivores, Herbivores)
Acer platanoides*	Norway maple	-	Invades woodlands by outcompeting native maple species due to its shade tolerance. Can reduce wildflower diversity because it forms a dense canopy. This species does not rely on disturbances, but has shade tolerant seedlings, to form populations (Webb et al. 2000).	-	-	Х	х	-	-	X
Acer pseudoplatanus*	Sycamore maple	-	Produces large numbers of seeds, develops dense stands due to greater shade tolerance in invasive range (Shouman et al. 2017). Decomposing leaves can be allelopathic to some species (Rice 1984).		-	Х	х	-	-	X
Aegopodium podagraria	Bishop's goutweed	-	Crowds out native species in floodplains, woodlands, and open areas that would normally develop into forest. New plants can grow from broken fragments of rhizomes. Once established, it is very difficult to eradicate (NRCS 2021).		-	Х	Х	-	-	-
Arctium lappa*	Greater burdock	-	Produces large numbers of seeds; large taproot makes it difficult to eradicate, can be a vector of powdery mildew (OSU 2021).	-	-	-	Х	-	Х	-
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	-	Matures earlier than native annual grasses and can outcompete them. Prolific seed producer that can greatly alter species composition of invaded habitats. Once seeds have matured, plants become dry and flammable, increasing fire risk (Colorado State Parks 2005).	-	-	Х	X	X	-	x
Buddleja davidii	Butterfly bush	Class B	Forms dense, shrubby thickets. Supplants native nectar sources, reducing pollination. Difficult to eradicate due to its ability to regenerate from vegetative growth (JCNWCB 2021).		-	Х	X	X	-	X
Carduus pycnocephalus	Italian thistle	Class A	Invades pastures and rangeland. Crowds out more desirable forage; dense infestations exclude livestock grazing as well as native plants.		-	-	X	-	Х	X
Campanula rapunculoides	Creeping bellflower	-	May reduce soil moisture and nutrients (Royer and Dickinson 1999). Infestations are extremely difficult to eradicate due to its ability to grow vegetatively.		X	-	X	-	-	X
Centaurea diffusa	Diffuse knapweed	Class B	Knapweed infestations increase production costs for ranchers, impair the quality of wildlife habitat, decrease plant diversity, increase soil erosion rates, decrease the visual quality and appeal of recreational lands, and pose wildfire hazards.	v	-	Х	X	Х	Х	X
Centaurea x gerstlaueri	Meadow knapweed	-	Meadow knapweed, a hybrid of black and brown knapweed, is an aggressive invasive plant species that spreads into pastures and meadows. It outcompetes desirable forage plants as well as other native plants species.	v	-	Х	X	X	Х	X
Centaurea stoebe	Spotted knapweed	Class B	Can quickly infest large areas. Each plant produces 1,000 seeds on average that can be viable up to 8 years. Chemical properties in knapweed can be carcinogenic in large quantities.		-	Х	Х	X	Х	X

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Cirsium arvense	Canadian thistle	Class C	Spreads quickly, replacing native plants. Canadian thistle is perennial and disperses a large number of seeds at reproductive maturity, and when coupled with its hearty root system can form clonal stands that can be difficult to control. Poses an economic threat to the agriculture industry by reducing crop yields. Drains nutrients from the soil and can be very damaging to pastures and crops. Uses large amounts of water and can make soil dry and increase erosion potential (Cameron and Wheeler 2020).	X	-	-	X	-	X	X
Cirsium vulgare	Bull thistle	Class C	Bull thistle may outcompete native plants and desirable wildlife and livestock forage plants. It can invade disturbed habitats and grow in dense thickets. Prolific seed producer.		-	-	Х	-	-	Х
Clematis vitalba	Traveler's-joy	Class C	Traveler's-joy blankets the ground, shrubs, and trees, blocking light and causing native vegetation to collapse. Reproduces by seed and can spread vegetatively by stem fragmentation. An estimated 17,000 viable seeds are produced per 0.5 square meters in areas where it is a canopy species.	-	-	Х	X	x	-	-
Convolvulus arvensis	Field bindweed	Class C	Once established, field bindweed is nearly impossible to fully eradicate. It outcompetes native plant species and can reduce crop yields. It forms an extensive root system, often climbing or forming dense, tangled mats. It is an alternate host of the viruses that cause plant diseases.	-	-	х	X	x	-	-
Conium maculatum	Poison hemlock	Class B	Toxic to humans and animals due to alkaloid content. Crowds out native plant communities and desirable forage species and can contaminate perennial crops and harvested seed (DiTomaso et al. 2013).		-	-	-	X	-	-
Crataegus monogyna	English hawthorn	Class C	Can form thickets and block animal movement. Historically used in hedgerows to contain livestock. Dense growth can alter the structure of forest understories and open grasslands. Hybridization can alter the gene pool of the native species and create competition for resources and pollinators.	-	-	X	X	x	-	-
Cytisus scoparius*	Scot's broom	Class B	Crowds out native species and negatively affects wildlife habitat. It can form dense, impenetrable stands that degrade farmland and create fire hazards. Dense stands may prevent or slow forest regeneration, restoration of upland sites, and wetland buffers. Scot's broom produces toxic compounds, which in large amounts can cause mild poisoning in animals such as horses.	Х	X	Х	X	x	Х	X
Daphne laureola	Spurge-laurel	Class B	Can rapidly colonize areas, forming monotypic stands and competing with native plants. All parts of the plant are highly toxic.		-	-	X	-	-	X
Echium vulgare	Common viper's bugloss	Class B	Plants contain hepatotoxic pyrrolizidine alkaloids that can be toxic when consumed in large amounts, its hairs can cause contact injury, and it also serves as an alternate host for fungal pathogens (Klemow et al. 2002).	v	-	-	Х	-	-	-
Euphorbia oblongata	Egg-leaf spurge	Class A	Heavy root is difficult to remove, and new shoots can grow from buds or root crown. Egg-leaf spurge also has a toxic white latex sap common to the <i>Euphorbia</i> species.		-	-	Х	-	-	-

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Fallopia japonica	Japanese knotweed	Class B	Grows vigorously, creating dense colonies that limit native plant growth. Once established, it is very difficult to get rid of. Can create a fire hazard in the dormant season. This perennial plant is difficult to control because it has extremely vigorous rhizomes that form a deep, dense mat. In addition, the plant can resprout from fragments; along streams, plant parts may fall into the water to create new infestations downstream.	-	-	Х	X	X	-	X
Geranium robertianum	Herb-Robert	Class B	Poses a threat to the forest understory and to native plant diversity, capable of growing under a closed canopy. Strong odor may trigger asthma attacks (Tisch 1992).	-	-	Х	X	X	-	Х
Hedera helix	English ivy	-	Can outcompete native plants, reducing animal foraging habitat. It inhibits regeneration of understory plants and overstory trees by shading them out. May cause damage to trees by adding weight to their canopy that also may act as a sail. The sap of the stems can cause skin irritations and rashes to sensitive individuals. Consuming large amounts of leaves and fruits can be toxic to people and cattle.	-	-	Х	X	x	-	-
Hieracium aurantiacum	Hawkweed, orange	Class B	Aggressive, unpalatable competitor of pasture and range plant species, crowding out more desirable forage. Can spread through seed, stolon, and rhizome.	-	-	-	X	X	-	Х
Hieracium pilosella	Hawkweed, Mouse-eared	Class B	Creeping growth forms mats of rosettes that prevent other plants from establishing seedlings. It outcompetes pasture and native plants. As desirable forage plants are replaced by the somewhat unpalatable hawkweed, biodiversity decreases (PCNWCB 2021).	-	-	-	X	Х	-	x
Hieracium piloselloides	Hawkweed, tall	-	Nonnative hawkweed species and hybrids are invasive, spread readily, and have negative effects to rangeland and other habitats, especially in mid to upper elevations and in areas with low fertility soils. Viable seeds can spread without pollination.	-	-	-	X	X	-	x
Hypericum perforatum*	St. John's-wort	Class C	Common St. John's-wort spreads easily to new sites, outcompeting native plants. Over-exposure can cause various animal health problems including severe skin lesions and necrosis when skin becomes hypersensitive to sunlight.	Х	-	-	x	X	-	X
Ilex aquifolium*	English holly	-	In forests, English holly can form dense thickets that suppress native shrubs and young trees. It also reproduces by suckers, and branches can root where they touch the ground. English holly is tolerant of a wide range of soil, moisture, and light conditions, allowing it to invade a variety of sites. All parts of the plant can be toxic to humans, if ingested in large quantities (WSNWCB 2021).	Х	X	Х	X	X	-	-
Jacobaea vulgaris	Tansy ragwort	Class B	Invades disturbed areas by crowding out native species; can be toxic to humans and animals.	Х	-	-	X	-	-	X

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Juglans nigra*	Black walnut	-	Root system and leaves allelopathic. Most toxicity symptoms arise when juglone-sensitive plants are placed within the walnut's root zone, an average of 50 to 60 feet from the trunk of a large tree. Plants sensitive to juglone show signs of wilting, yellow		-	-	-	-	-	-
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye daisy	Class C	leaves, stunted growth, and may die (Coladonato 1991).Aggressively invades fields where it forms dense populations and decreases plant species diversity. In areas of heavy infestation, bare soil is more common, which increases the potential for soil erosion (Olson and Wallander 1999).	-	-	-	X	-	X	X
Linaria dalmatica	Dalmatian toadflax	Class B	Mature plants are strongly competitive, especially with shallow- rooted perennials and winter annuals. Dalmatian toadflax causes negative effects in pastures, rangelands, and natural areas, where it outcompetes natives or other desirable species.	-	-	-	X	X	-	x
Linaria purpurea*	Purple toadflax	-	This species is not known to be invasive. Linaria species can spread by seed and vegetatively by root fragments; seeds can be viable for 8 or more years. Contains alkaloids.	Х	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lunaria annua*	Honesty	-	This species is not known to be invasive. Likely outcompetes native plants.	-	-	-	Х	-	-	-
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canarygrass	Class C	Extremely aggressive and often forms persistent monocultures in wetlands and riparian areas. Infestations threaten the diversity of these areas, since the plant chokes out native plants and grows too densely to provide adequate cover for small mammals and waterfowl. The grass can also lead to increased siltation along drainage ditches and streams. Once established, reed canarygrass is difficult to control because it spreads rapidly by rhizomes.	-	-	Х	x	-	-	-
Potentilla recta	Sulphur cinquefoil	Class B	Can form monocultures over large areas of rangeland, roadside, waste places, and unworked fields, where it is not easily controlled by mowing.	-	-	Х	X	-	-	-
Prunus cerasifera*	Cherry plum	-	This species is not known to be invasive. Likely outcompetes native plants.	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
Prunus laurocerasus*	Cherry-laurel	-	Outcompetes native forest species such as tree seedlings and native shrubs, replaces native canopy trees over time. Very fast- growing and tolerant of disturbance and a wide range of conditions. Has the potential to be a serious threat to native forest land in the Puget Sound region. Cherry-laurel is poisonous to humans when eaten (KCNWCB 2021a).	Х	-	Х	X	-	-	-
Robinia hispida*	Bristly locust	-	Not listed in WA as invasive; likely outcompetes native plants, plants in the legume family are also known to change soil chemistry (Lazzaro et al. 2018).	-	X	Х	X	-	Х	X
Rubus bifrons	Himalayan blackberry	Class C	Spreads aggressively via numerous asexual means and is successfully dispersed by birds and mammals. The negative effects of this species can be severe to both native plants on the site as well as livestock and wildlife due to its ability to form dense thickets and outcompete native plants. Can be a fire hazard and a vector for plant diseases that affect agriculture.	-	-	Х	X	x	-	X

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Sorbus aucuparia*	European mountain-ash	-	Outcompetes native plants and trees (KCNWCB 2021b).	-	-	Х	Х	X	-	Х
Tanacetum vulgare	Common tansy	Class C	Grows in thick, expanding stands that crowd out native and other desirable plants. Has high diversity of chemotypes that can vary depending on population, habitat, and time of year, and can be beneficial for invasion as it may impede the adaption potential of biological control agents (DiTomaso et al. 2013). Plants can quickly spread after soil disturbance and overgrazing.	Х	_	-	Х	-	-	-
Verbascum thapsus*	Flannel mullein	-	Biennial plant that reproduces by prolific seeds. The taproot of this species can access soil moisture from a deeper profile at a much better rate than fibrous roots of pasture grasses, giving it a competitive advantage, especially in dry years.	-	-	-	X	-	-	X
Vinca minor*	Lesser periwinkle	-	Escapes cultivation and can become invasive in forested understory and along shaded margins. The stems sprawl along the ground, producing a mat of vegetation that excludes most other plants. Tolerates poor soils and spreads primarily by underground rhizomes and stolons that root at the tips.	-	_	Х	х	-	-	-

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Acer platanoides	Norway maple	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: wind, river, and animal dispersal (PCA 2005).
Acer pseudoplatanus	Sycamore maple	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: wind, river, and animal dispersal.
Aegopodium podagraria	Bishop's goutweed	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Anthropogenic: Most colonies spread to neighboring natural areas from intentional plantings, or by the dumping of yard waste that includes discarded rhizomes (PCA 2005).
Arctium lappa	Greater burdock	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: Produces prolific seed heads that can be spread naturally, by clinging to animals.Anthropogenic: Clings to clothing or equipment for long periods of time.
Bromus tectorum	Cheatgrass	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation Agriculture	Natural: wind, river, and animal dispersal. Anthropogenic: Seeds adhere easily to clothing and can be carried on undercarriages and tires of vehicles for long distances, as well as maintenance equipment. Seed is often in grain, hay, and straw for livestock (USDA 2014a).
Buddleja davidii	Butterfly bush	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: produces abundant amounts of very lightweight, winged seeds that are dispersed by wind and water (KCNWCB 2018a).
Carduus pycnocephalus	Italian thistle	Roads Agriculture	Natural: wind and animals. Anthropogenic; Seeds can also attach onto vehicles and can also be spread through contaminated hay (CIPC 2022a).
Campanula rapunculoides	Creeping bellflower	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily wind.
Centaurea diffusa	Diffuse knapweed	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Agriculture	Natural: wind, water and animal dispersal. Anthropogenic: Motorized vehicles are the greatest contributor to the spread of knapweed. Can also be spread by machinery, gravel distribution, and road construction and maintenance. Contaminated hay (KCNWCB 2010).

Table E-2.	Potential pathways and vectors of observed target invasive plant species.
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Centaurea ×gerstlaueri	Meadow knapweed	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Agriculture	See Centaurea diffusa above.
Centaurea stoebe	Spotted knapweed	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Agriculture	See Centaurea diffusa above.
Cirsium arvense	Canadian thistle	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation Agriculture	Natural: wind, water, animals (fur). Anthropogenic: Seeds also move by attaching to clothing, equipment, and vehicles (KCNWCB 2018b). Found in contaminated crop and hay and can be transferred via irrigation channels (CABI 2022).
Cirsium vulgare	Bull thistle	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation Agriculture	See Cirsium arvense above
Clematis vitalba	Traveler's-joy	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: wind and water.
Convolvulus arvensis	Field bindweed	Landscaping (introduced as ornamental species) Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Agriculture	Natural: primarily animal dispersal. Anthropogenic: spread by irrigation/drainage water, machinery, and contaminated crop seed (WSNWCB 2022a).
Conium maculatum	Poison hemlock	Landscaping (originally introduced as ornamental) Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: animals, water, and to a limited extent wind (NPS 2010). Anthropogenic: spread via mowing or maintenance equipment (SICWMA 2012).

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Crataegus monogyna	English hawthorn	Landscaping (introduced to form hedgerows to contain livestock) (WSNWCB 2022b). Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: primarily animals and water. Anthropogenic: also be dispersed by human activity, vehicles, soil, water movement (CIPC 2022b).
Cytisus scoparius	Scot's broom	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: ballistic seed dispersal and further disperse by attaching to animals. Anthropogenic: vehicles, or in mud clinging to machinery/equipment (CIPC 2022c).
Daphne laureola	Spurge-laurel	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily animals (KCNWCB 2021c).
Echium vulgare	Common viper's bugloss	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Agriculture	Natural: primarily animals (fur) and water, and lesser so, wind.Anthropogenic: Seeds easily get caught in fabrics and lodge in equipment and vehicles; contaminant in hay and grain (WSNWCB 2015).
Euphorbia oblongata	Egg-leaf spurge	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: ballistic seed dispersal and extensive roots.
Fallopia japonica	Japanese knotweed	Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: primarily water. Anthropogenic: Fragments of plants can attach to equipment and be transferred to other sites. Incidental dumping or reuse of soil contaminated with knotweed stem, rhizomes, or seeds can start a new infestation (WISC 2014).
Geranium robertianum	Herb-Robert	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: primarily water and animals. Anthropogenic: Seeds are sticky and can easily stick to clothing, vehicles, and equipment.
Hedera helix	English ivy	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: primarily animals (birds). Anthropogenic: Vines have a glue-like substance that can easily stick to equipment/machinery during maintenance activities (KCNWCB 2020a).

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Hieracium aurantiacum	Hawkweed, orange	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species) Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: water, wind, and animals. Anthropogenic: Seeds can be transferred via clothing and equipment or contaminated soil (USFS 2005).
Hieracium pilosella	Hawkweed, mouse-eared	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	See Hieracium aurantiacum above.
Hieracium piloselloides	Hawkweed, tall	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	See Hieracium aurantiacum above.
Hypericum perforatum	St. John's-wort	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	See Hieracium aurantiacum above.
Ilex aquifolium	English holly	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	 Natural: primarily animals (birds). Can also grow by suckering and layering. Anthropogenic: Incidental dumping or reuse of soil contaminated with roots/stems can start new infestations (KCNWCB 2020b).
Jacobaea vulgaris	Tansy ragwort	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management	Natural: wind and animals (on fur). Anthropogenic: Can easily attach to equipment and vehicles. Spread in contaminated hay (CGCWMA 2022).
Juglans nigra	Black walnut	Landscaping	Natural: primarily water and animals.
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye daisy	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: primarily wind and water. Anthropogenic: Seed can also stick to mud on vehicles, machinery/equipment, and shoes.
Linaria dalmatica	Dalmatian toadflax	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: Seed viability is low. Primarily spreads through vegetative growth (USDA 2014b).

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Linaria purpurea	Purple toadflax	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	See Linaria dalmatica above.
Lunaria annua	Honesty	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	See Linaria dalmatica above.
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canarygrass	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: water, wind, and animals. Anthropogenic: Seed can also stick to mud on vehicles, machinery/equipment, and shoes.
Potentilla recta	Sulphur cinquefoil	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: primarily animals (on fur). Anthropogenic: seeds can also be spread by contaminated dirt on machinery/equipment, vehicles, and shoes (Duncan 2019).
Prunus cerasifera	Cherry plum	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily animals.
Prunus laurocerasus	Cherry-laurel	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Primary: primarily animals. Anthropogenic: Can also be spread by the dumping of yard waste that includes clippings or fruit (KCNWCB 2021d).
Robinia hispida	Bristly locust	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily wind. Can also grow by suckering. Anthropogenic: Incidental dumping or reuse of soil contaminated with roots/stems can start new infestations (NCSU 2022).
Rubus bifrons	Himalayan blackberry	Primarily natural	Natural: primarily animals and water (CIPS 2022d).
Sorbus aucuparia	European mountain-ash	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily animals (birds).
Tanacetum vulgare	Common tansy	Roads Maintenance Vegetation Management Recreation	Natural: water, wind, and animals. Anthropogenic: Seed can also stick to mud on vehicles, machinery/equipment, and shoes.
Verbascum thapsus	Flannel mullein	Roads Maintenance	Natural: primarily wind and animals. Anthropogenic: Movement of contaminated soil for road maintenance/construction also hastens spread (CIPS 2022e).

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Vinca minor	Lesser periwinkle	Landscaping (introduced as an ornamental species)	Natural: primarily water. Anthropogenic: spread to neighboring natural areas from intentional plantings, or by the dumping of yard waste that includes discarded rhizomes. Rhizomes can also wash downstream and start new invasions.