

## **BEEP Finishes 2nd Successful Season of Broom Removal**

BEEP (Broom Education and Eradication Program), a Forest Ranch community action group, recently completed their second season of Spanish and French broom eradication. To date, they've removed more than 100,000 broom plants from the upper Big Chico Creek and Little Chico Creek watersheds. In addition to the volunteer efforts of numerous Forest Ranch residents, the Butte County Fire Safe Council, California Conservation Corps, Caltrans, and California State University Chico faculty and staff also aided this project. The Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve and the Mt. Lassen Chapter of the California Native Plant Society helped extend this eradication effort downstream by pulling broom from the lower Big Chico Creek watershed and Lindo Channel.



BEEP is an affiliate of the Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance (Alliance), which recently received \$9,995 in grant funding to provide project supervision and work team leaders for BEEP. This was one of two projects selected for a 2-year Weed Management Area competitive grant awarded to the Butte County Resource Conservation District by the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture. For more information about BEEP, please [click here](#).