Weeds are getting the jump on us with the early spring this year. Controlling weeds may be your best option for increasing available soil moisture for your trees this summer. Weed control is often the key to success or failure in establishing trees and maintaining tree growth. This field tour will cover principles and practices of vegetation management for establishing and maintaining trees in forestry and forest restoration.

The focus is on illustrating and demonstrating methods and tools for controlling blackberry, scotch broom, and native brush, along with grasses, groundsel, thistles, and other weedy herbaceous species. Field stops will feature common weed situations in reforestation and riparian forest restoration.

Key topics include:
- Vegetation Management with herbicides
- Mechanical and non-chemical methods
- Integrated pest management approaches for selecting and combining methods

This will be an opportunity for sharing of lessons-learned among woodland owners. The goal is to help you to plan and implement weed management strategies for the long-term success of your trees.

Please dress for the field, bring your own lunch, and be prepared to carpool to sites nearby. There is no fee, but registration is required.

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