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## Warrant officer candidates conduct civil military service project

By Warrant Officer Candidate School  
Class 15-001

Warrant Officer Candidate School  
Class 15-001 conducted a civil military  
service project by removing  
“goatheads” from trails around the  
Hulls Gulch Reserve in Boise, Aug. 15.

The plan was formulated to give  
something back to the community for  
all the support they have received.

Each year the school tasks candidates  
with a public service project and it is  
up to the class to decide what type of  
service to perform.

This year the class decided to help the  
Ridge to Rivers organization in Boise,  
by removing noxious goathead weeds  
from some of the trails in the Hulls  
Gulch Reserve area.

The operation order was briefed to  
and approved by the battalion  
commander, Lt. Col Jim Harper. The  
project officer, WOC Richard Bolleurs  
headed-up the execution and logistics  
of the plan. All efforts involved the  
entire class and due to the team effort,  
the mission was a success. “This  
mission simply would not have been a  
success without the class working  
together as a team,” Bolleurs said.

Beginning in the morning and ending  
in the afternoon; working alongside



Front to back: Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Maybon, Candidate Russell McVay, Chief Warrant Officer Anne Michelle Hartley and Lt. Col. Jim Harper dig up noxious “goatheads” from Boise trails around the Boise reserve Aug. 15 as part of a community service project.

the five candidates were two Training-  
Advising-Counseling—or “TAC”  
officers, a staff officer, the battalion  
commander and an RTR employee,  
who provided instruction on proper  
weed removal techniques as well as a  
brief history about the reserve. The  
RTR employee worked right alongside  
the team from start to finish and also  
supplied the tools for the job.

The team received praise from hikers  
walking along the trail past the work  
detail. “Morale was high and the  
group was pumped-up. It was a great  
feeling knowing we provided a service  
that will benefit people who will use  
the trails in the future and that we  
formulated and executed a plan that  
benefitted the community,” Bolleurs

said.

In the end, the team covered a  
considerable amount of ground and  
removed nearly a dozen large garbage  
bags full of weeds.

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