



## BUREAU OF INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT LYGODIUM STRIKE TEAM

Since 1998, the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management, Uplands Section, has controlled more than 5000 acres of *Lygodium japonicum* and *Lygodium microphyllum* at a cost of approximately \$2.6 million. This acreage does not include work performed by Water Management Districts and federal and local governments.

Effective August 1, 2004, the Bureau of Invasive Plant Management will provide an additional service to public conservation land managers throughout the state. This effort is for populations too large for in-house control efforts but too small to design a formal project and apply for funding at the working group level, and is limited to 10 acres.

If you have a population of either species of *Lygodium* in your management area that is less than 10 acres in size and with areas and access points well-defined and ready to go, the Uplands Section staff will arrange for a qualified contractor to conduct initial herbicidal control of that plant population. This service will include all labor, equipment, herbicide and adjuvants necessary to treat lygodium.

The Lygodium Strike Team will be comprised of experienced weed control specialists under contract with the Bureau. They will provide either foliar applications or “poodle-cuts” (cut vines 4-5 feet up from the ground and apply herbicide to the rooted portion of the plant).

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