

# Rocky Mountain Region

## National Fire Plan

### Teachers learn about the threat of wildfires To prepare communities in Colorado



Teachers in classroom

Fort Collins, CO July 26, 2001: Train the trainers' is considered an effective way to reach out and pass-on important information to others.

In Colorado thirty middle and high school educators from interface communities around the state attended a five-day interactive multimedia fire ecology workshop June 9th through the 13<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins to help communities learn about fire and its role in the environment.

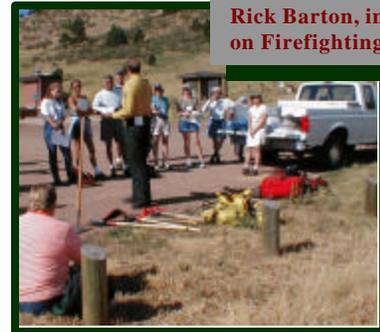
The Fire Ecology Institute held at Colorado State University and sponsored by the National Fire Plan through a grant to the Colorado State Forest Service targeted teachers and educators. The goal, to share information about the role of fire, fire adapted ecosystems, types of fires, fire behavior, and the effects of fire on ecosystems, watersheds and communities in the state of Colorado.

Participants are expected to return to their home communities to host one Project Learning Tree/ Project WILD fire ecology workshop for other educators to allow for community specific fire and mitigation information to be disseminated.

Thirty teachers in outdoor class-room setting in old burn



Field trips were scheduled during the week doing on-site investigations of recent and older prescribed burns and wild fires to see how mitigation of risk variables saves property, resources and lives.



Rick Barton, instructing on firefighting tactics

Other partners included the Colorado Division of Wildlife (Project WILD), the Bureau of Land Management, the Colorado Department of Education (Project WET) and the USDA Forest Service, for more information visit the National Fire Plan website at [www.fireplan.gov](http://www.fireplan.gov) or the Rocky Mountain Region National Fire Plan website at [www.fs.fed.us/r2/nfp](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nfp).

