

Forest Emphasis Areas for 2005

- Complete the Environmental Analysis for the revised Forest Plans for the four southern California National Forests. Hold public meetings in summer to release the completed Forest Plan.
- Implement the National Fire Plan, with focus on training and readiness, prescribed burning, and removal of dead and dying trees and shrubs on Palomar and Laguna Mountains.
- Work with Texas A&M University and Pacific Southwest Research Station to conduct a National Fire Plan survey regarding fire prevention.
- Continue to refine the Forest's Fire Danger Level Awareness system and coordinate fire danger levels with the other southern California National Forests and local agencies.
- Continue to work with the Border Agency Fire Council (BAFC) to manage environmental impacts associated with the U.S. /Mexican border.
- Cooperatively work with San Diego County Forest Area Safety Task Force (FAST) to assist county residents, cooperating agencies, and organizations to manage dead and dying fuel in San Diego County.
- Assist local Fire Safe Councils to develop fuels management strategies and support grant application efforts.
- Assign crews, support personnel, and Incident Command Teams when needed for national and local fire and disaster support.
- Focus on special uses program management, renewal of expired permits, and evaluation of proposed uses.
- Work with other Forests across the country to implement the new Recreation Fee Legislation. Review and adjust, if needed, the existing Recreation Fee program to ensure that it fits within the parameters of the new legislation.
- Recruit in local schools and communities for seasonal firefighter, recreation, and law enforcement positions that require proficiency in Spanish.
- Continue to plan and implement activities associated with the Sister Forest Agreement with Mexico.
- Continue to provide Habitat Management and protection to avoid extinction of species at risk.