

# National Fire Plan

## Sierra Crest 4H Fire Presentation

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Since the implementation of the National Fire Plan, the Inyo National Forest has had great success in reducing hazardous fuels through its fire management program's increased utilization of prescribed fire and wildland fire use projects. Throughout the planning and execution of these projects, local fire managers recognized that there would be a growing need for them to rally the public's support of their activities, and have since engaged in an aggressive public information / education outreach effort.

Educating the public about fire's natural role in the environment has taken center stage in this effort, and fire personnel throughout the forest have identified many groups within the community who have been able to provide various forums for discussions regarding area fire ecology and historical fire effects.

Joining in these efforts, firefighters from the White Mountain Ranger District recently helped to coordinate and conduct a presentation to the Sierra Crest Chapter of the 4H. The presentation, given to local parent and student members of the 4H, served to help educate both children and adults on local fire history, resulting fuel conditions, and fire management activities. Following the presentation, the audience was given an opportunity to visit with district firefighters from Engine 31 and the Boundary Peak Hand Crew. Crewmembers then gave the audience engine and buggy tours, equipment presentations and accounts of recent crew activities. Following the session, members of the 4H group commented on how the experience helped them to better understand why prescribed fire and wildland fire use projects are utilized and how they serve to help better protect their communities from wildfires.

