



National Fire Plan

Trinity River Management Unit Shasta-Trinity National Forest 2005

During the summer of 2004 and the winter/spring of 2005, the Trinity River Management Unit is implementing approximately 5 miles of a 300 foot wide fuel management zone for the protection of Weaverville, residents of Rush Creek Estates, and the homeowners along Rush Creek Road. This project will reduce the risk of catastrophic fire by reducing current fuel ladder and surface fuel buildup to levels that reduce the potential of crown fire development and reduce fire growth.

Funding for the thinning and piling was obtained under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 by the Trinity County Resource Advisory Committee. Funding for the hand pile burning came from the Trinity River Management Unit's hazardous fuels reduction funds.



The Trinity County Resource Conservation District fuels crew is removing 1" to 11" trees, ladder fuels, and brush on the Shasta Trinity National Forest along the Highway 3 and Rush Creek Road corridors. The project prescriptions were developed not only for fuels reduction, but also for forest health, wildlife, fisheries, and botanical concerns. Fuel wood is being provided where it is feasible. The remaining material in excess of other resource concerns will be chipped, lopped and scattered, or hand piled and burned. This project is expected to improve 238 acres of forest along these roadways, which are high risk areas for fire starts.

The Trinity River Conservation Camp, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and Trinity River Management Unit employees are conducting the burning operations as weather, smoke and fuel conditions allow.

The Browns Roadside Fuel Management Zone Project connects to Musser Hill Fuel Management Zone stage 1, which was implemented during the summer of 2004. These projects are part of the overall strategy for community protection and fuels reduction in the Weaverville Basin.

Monitoring the success of this project will include before and after photo comparisons on four selected plots.

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