

National Fire Plan

San Bernardino National Forest

Pacific Southwest Region



Big Horn Prescribed Burn

In the Spring of 2002, the Front Country Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest successfully completed the Big Horn Prescribed Burn. The Big Horn project was a complexity level 1 project of which 1,011 acres was completed as a combined wildlife and community protection burn. The objective was to remove 60-80% of the mixed chaparral, providing a defensible buffer for the community of Lytle Creek and provide a continuing supply of palatable browse for wildlife, especially for the Nelson Bighorn Sheep. This burn was accomplished by utilizing ridge tops and natural barriers for control lines. A helitorch was utilized for ignition, allowing fire to run uphill to the snowline. The new Fuels Battalion Chief that was funded by the National Fire Plan wrote the burn plan along with several newly funded NFP positions, which supported the implementation of the project. The project was completed in Congressional District 40.



