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Successful Prescribed Burning on the Scott River Ranger District

FORT JONES, CA – With last weekend’s rains and cooler temperatures, fire personnel from the Scott River Ranger District were able to successfully burn an old timber sale unit near Lovers Camp Trailhead down the Scott River.

The 16-acre unit had quite a bit of timber harvest slash to burn. On Monday, October 11, 2004, the burning started off a little slow, but gained momentum by mid-day.



This is one of many burns planned on the Scott River Ranger District. One unit was burned about a couple weeks ago, and more is planned in the same area. “The burning is necessary for reduction of the harvest-generated slash,” said Tim Grenvik, Fuels Technician. “The stands were thinned for forest health between 1998 to 2001.”

Using a drip torch to start the burn



Pre-burn slash load in unit to be burned near Lovers Camp Trailhead

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About 700 acres of underburning are planned on the Scott River Ranger District this fall, weather permitting. The burns are all in the general area of Box Camp and Lovers Camp, about 12 miles down the Scott River from Fort Jones. "People will see smoke in that area from the burns this fall," stated Grenvik.

Later in the year, hand pile burning will occur on about 170 acres around the District. "It is important for us to reduce the amount of fuel in the forest for fire safety," Grenvik said. "This helps to reduce fire intensity in those areas, as well as help more trees to grow."

For more information, contact the Scott River Ranger District at (530) 468-5351.

Underburn fires like this one will not kill the larger trees

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