

Stewardship Fireshed Assessment  
Giant Sequoia Grove Field Trip  
September 3, 2008

Field Trip Objectives:

In order to develop scenarios for the Stewardship Fireshed Assessment (SFA) we need to define the desired conditions that we are attempting to reach. This field trip is intended to provide stakeholders and managers an opportunity to view current conditions and compare those conditions to the inventory data that describes them. We also want to view areas that have had various treatments and discuss the terms and meanings that describe those treatments. The intended outcome is a clearer understanding and common vocabulary that will help us move forward in describing desired conditions and developing scenarios for the SFA.

AGENDA

- I. Meet at the Hume Lake Ranger Station, located at 35860 East Kings Canyon Road (Highway 180) Dunlap, CA. at 9:00 a.m.
  - Coordinate travel and carpooling to reduce the number of vehicles. (Bring lunch, water, outdoor shoes and clothing for a long day.)
  
- II. Travel to Converse Basin Giant Sequoia Grove.
  - View plantations that have been masticated (mechanically chipped).
  - View the condition of the second growth giant sequoias.
  - Discuss the inventory data and the desired condition descriptions from the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendments and the old Giant Sequoia National Monument Plan.  
(Presentation and discussion by John Exline, Hume Lake district employees, and Jim Whitfield.)
  
- III. Drive up Highway 180 to the Redwood Mtn. Overlook
  - View the condition of the Redwood Mtn. Giant Sequoia Grove that burned in the Pierce Fire in 1986.  
(Presentation and discussion by John Exline and Hume Lake district employees.)

## LUNCH BREAK

- IV. Travel to Redwood Saddle and turn south to view a prescribed burn in Sequoia National Park.
  - View areas burned in 2004 and 2006.(Presentation and discussion by Sequoia National Park employees.)
  
- V. Travel to Wortman Mill Road.
  - View unburned and unlogged conditions in the Redwood Mtn. Giant Sequoia Grove.(Presentation and discussion by John Exline and Hume Lake district employees.)
  
- VI. Travel to Dark Canyon
  - View areas that have been mechanically thinned with a follow-up prescribed burn.(Presentation and discussion by John Exline and Hume Lake district employees.)
  
- VII. Conclusion and discussion of next steps in SFA. (Return to Hume Lake District Office.)