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Business Spotlight

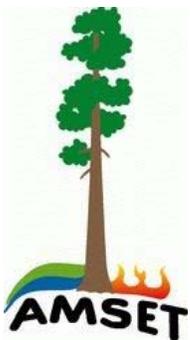
A large part of the work done by Forest Service enterprise team employees takes place on the phone, by email, or on a conference call. So it's a great event when an entire Enterprise Team can come together for a unit meeting.

In April, employees of Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team (AMSET) gathered in Valencia, CA, for their annual meeting. Since last year, the team added two new members, Chris Clervi, a GIS Specialist and Cindy Whelan, a Natural Resources Planner.

It was a great opportunity for everyone to review AMSET's roles, mission and workload. Acting Team Leader Dave Kerr led a discussion on where the team is headed and "what do we want to look like in the future?" "We're having a great year," said David. "We just signed nearly a million dollars worth of work for 2010 and 2011."

All three AMSET sections are very busy with some great projects supporting the Forest Service mission. The Science Section works on improving our understanding of wildland fire and fuels. The Business Section offers services that range from contracting to fiscal management to a full range of administrative support functions. The Planning Section takes on the NEPA planning projects and provides a full range of wildland fire and resource management support with a skilled staff of specialists available to support getting those projects shovel-ready.

Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team is available through the [AMSET website](#) or by contacting David Kerr at davidkerr@fs.fed.us.



Enterprise Program Update

It's amazing to think that it's already June; time continues to fly. I hope and trust that the beginning of summer has been good to you, your family, and friends. In this issue, I want to focus on changes we are making to our intranet site, including ways to help facilitate more cross-Enterprise Program communication.

I think our [Enterprise intranet site](#) serves three main purposes: (1) provide information to all Forest Service employees about the Enterprise Program, (2) contain important background/ reference materials about the program, and, (3) facilitate understanding and communication across the program.

While it was serving the first two functions, at least to a reasonable degree, it was doing little toward the third.

The changes we have now made to the site will hopefully make it more user-friendly. In addition, we have included a link to a newly created blog entitled, naturally enough, Enterprise Program. You will have to eAuth in but it is up and functional (<http://apps.fs.usda.gov/roller/enterprise/>). I encourage you to join in the discussion. Further, we have set up a group outside of the Forest Service fire wall on Govloop.com. That group on Govloop.com is called "[FS Enterprisers](#)". I also encourage you to go there and participate.

Let me know what you think about these changes. I look forward to having exchanges both on the [internal blog](#) and through [Govloop.com](#).

- **Bill Helin, Director, Enterprise Program**



Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team gathered for an annual meeting in April.

A&B Ecosystems Celebrates One Year

Above & Beyond Ecosystems Enterprise Unit (A&B) would like to thank their customers for a successful first year in operation. The support has been overwhelming!

A&B is completing projects across the country, but would like to highlight two, due to their long-term biological improvements.

On the **Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest/Spring Mountains National Recreation Area** (NRA), A&B has completed a vegetation management plan for the 2,500 acre Kyle Canyon Recreation Complex. This plan uses native plant species for revegetation and landscaping, environmental education, and retention of desirable existing vegetation. The complex will serve as the recreation, information, and transportation hub for the Spring Mountains NRA. The complex is being developed to provide a broad range of recreation and environmental education opportunities to its visitors. It will provide new fire protection and administrative facilities.

A&B completed BEAR implementation monitoring inventory for the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District. The inventories assessed effectiveness of post-fire erosion controls and presence/absence of noxious weeds for the 2008 fires from Big Sur to the Salinas Valley. In addition to reporting the location of weeds, recommendations for their control and what erosion control devices worked well and where additional erosion work is needed were reported.

As 2009 progresses, A&B will continue to focus on projects that enhance the ecosystem values on Forest Service lands. To learn more about A&B, contact Blaze Baker at bobaker@fs.fed.us.



In spring 2009, wildflowers bloom after the 2008 Indian Fire on the Los Padres National Forest, Monterey Ranger District.

Enterprisers Honored with Awards

During the week of June 8, Laurie Thorpe and the entire Trails Unlimited Enterprise Unit were each presented with awards on Capital Hill in Washington, DC. Big time honors! Congratulations for work exceptionally well done!

The American Recreation Coalition (ARC) awarded Laurie Thorpe the 2009 Legends Award. Laurie, who leads Independent Resources Enterprise Unit and who has been on a year-long detail as the Acting Director for Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness Resources in the Southwestern Region (R3), was recognized by ARC for having integrated recreation into the mission of the agency by providing ideas, resources, and support for the National Recreation Strategy. That work was based, in part, on the work Independent Resources pioneered with the award winning



Laurie Thorpe, Independent Resources Enterprise Lead, was awarded the 2009 Legends Award.



Trails Unlimited Enterprise and Trails Riders of Houston members assemble a fiberglass bridge truss.

Recreation Facility Analysis, a process assisting forests in prioritizing their recreation facility investments.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails gave their 2009 Recreational Trails Program

Achievement Award to a partnership between Trails Unlimited, the Sam

Houston National Forest, the Texas Off-Highway Vehicle Program of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and the members of the Trails Riders of Houston. The award was for the restoration of the Sam Houston Multiple Use Trail System. The partnership between these groups was developed to restore a largely user made trail system which, through decades of heavy use and because of some fundamental trail design and construction problems, was in need of major restoration. Upon completion, this trail system will not only be one of the best in Texas, but as evidenced by this award, will be one of the best in the nation.

Do you know the Signs and Symptoms of Dehydration?

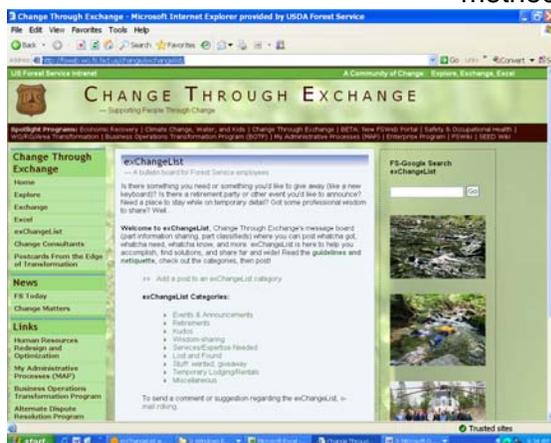
Mild to moderate dehydration: Thirst, dry, sticky mouth; sleepiness, tiredness or weakness; headache, dizziness or lightheadedness; reduced urine output.

Severe dehydration: Extreme thirst; very dry mouth, skin and mucous membranes and fever; lack of sweating; little or no urination; sunken eyes; shriveled & dry skin; low blood pressure; rapid heartbeat; in the most serious cases, delirium or unconsciousness.

What to do. To prevent or treat mild to moderate dehydration, consume plenty of fluids and foods high in water such as fruits and vegetables. For severe symptoms, get immediate medical care if you develop extreme thirst, no urination for eight hours, shriveled skin, dizziness and confusion. Visit the [Mayo Clinic website](http://www.mayoclinic.com) for more information.

exChangeList Launched

Part classifieds and part information sharing, exChangeList is a virtual message board designed to help you share your Forest Service resources -- stuff like **services/expertise needed**, events, temporary lodging, and more! There is no need to login, you can simply choose to view what is currently on offer from your peers or, you can post your own item. Visit [exChangeList](http://www.fs.fed.us/exchangelist) today to start exploring and sharing what you have, know, and need!



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Project Highlight: Fuel Treatment Effectiveness

From 2000 to 2006, Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team (AMSET) conducted a region-wide fuel hazard reduction treatment monitoring project for Region 5 Fire Aviation and Management. The monitoring project quantified the effectiveness and effects of fuel treatments on major vegetation types across California. Monitoring plots were established in 17 out of the 18 national forests in coniferous forest and



Before and after prescribed fire treatment in Region 5.

chaparral ecosystems. Treatment types included prescribed fire, mechanical treatments, a combination of the two, and wildfire. To date the majority of the treatments have occurred in forested ecosystems with prescribed fire or mechanical methods. During this pre and post treatment period, one and two year treatment data was collected and analyzed. The information is available as a [manager's summary](#) and as journal publications in the [International Journal of Wildland Fire](#) and soon in the [Journal of Fire Ecology](#).

In fall of 2008, Nicole Vaillant and Scott Dailey of AMSET joined forces with Erin Noonan-Wright of Systems for Environmental Management and submitted a proposal to the Joint Fire Science Program to continue the monitoring. The main objective of the proposal is to continue collecting data at intervals of 2, 5, 8, and 10 years post-treatment to quantify fuel accumulation over time and assess the longevity of effectiveness to reduce potential fire behavior. They received a grant to continue the work for the next three years (June 2009 – June 2012).

For more information regarding the project or AMSET, please contact Nicole Vaillant at nvaillant@fs.fed.us

Enterprisers Partner for Fire Safe Council Project

Fire Safety is a huge area of concern, particularly in California where wildfires have encroached on local communities in unprecedented terms in the last decade. Many grassroots community groups (local fire safe councils) are now taking action to make themselves and their surroundings more fire-safe. ACT2 and Adaptive Management Services Enterprise Team (AMSET) collaborated together to help ensure that fire safety doesn't preclude environmental protection. The units developed and presented pilot workshops on environmental compliance requirements for fire safety projects. In addition to the workshops, the Enterprise partners developed local Best Management Practices (BMPs) for implementing fire safety projects that avoid or minimize resource impacts.



The California Fire Safe Council is a non-profit organization that funds community fire safety projects through a grants clearinghouse. The clearinghouse obtains monies from California Fire Alliance member agencies, including federal agencies. When funding originates from a federal source but is distributed through a non-profit agency, environmental compliance obligations can be a bit tricky. That's where ACT2 and AMSET come in. Hired by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Enterprisers are piloting workshops educating fire safe council grantees on complying with state and federal environmental regulations.

Not only did the Enterprise Units partner together in this venture, but worked collaboratively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service to develop and present the programs. So far two workshops have been successfully hosted, one in San Diego County and one in Los Angeles County. Upcoming this fall is a third workshop in Butte County. For more information, please contact Fran Smith, ACT2, 530-493-1788 fsmith@fs.fed.us; SanDee Attebery, ACT2, 530-493-1787 sattebery@fs.fed.us; or Dave Kerr, AMSET, 661-297-8301 davidkerr@fs.fed.us.

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Map Now Available

View the bigger picture by visiting the USDA's ARRA Projects Map at <http://www.usda.gov/recovery/map/>. If you have questions about implementation of the ARRA in the Forest Service, email EconomicRecovery@fs.fed.us or visit <http://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/economicrecovery/> on the FS intranet.

EUP Announces 2009 Board

The Enterprise Unit Partnership (EUP) is a board of Enterprise Unit leads working "...to strengthen Enterprise Unit Leader networks and to provide a voice for promoting our collective interests."

This year's Executive Board members include:

- Cam Lockwood, Chair (Trails Unlimited)
- Laura Nance, Vice Chair (Digital Visions)
- Bill Hay, Member, (TEAMS)
- Tim Holden, Member (Above & Beyond Ecosystems)
- Melissa Marosy, Member (Creative Conflict Resolution)



Enterprise partners ACT2 and AMSET host Richard Halsey, Director of the California Chaparral Institute, as a guest speaker and panelist for the San Diego County workshop educating fire safe council grantees on complying with state and federal regulations.

From the Editor

Enterprising People is a quarterly publication focusing on Enterprise teams and their partners. Both Enterprisers and partners encouraged to share topics and ideas or join our electronic mailing list by contacting editor Kristi Bray at kabray@fs.fed.us. **If you're interested in contributing to the August issue, please send your submissions by August 7.**