

California Klamath-Siskiyou FLN



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Bureau of Land Management—Redding Field Office
 CAL FIRE
 Humboldt State University
 Hyampom Volunteer Fire Department and Fire Safe Council
 Local landowners and residents
 Northern California Prescribed Fire Council
 Trinity County Collaborative
 Trinity County Fire Safe Council
 Trinity County Resource Conservation District
 University of California Extension
 USDA Forest Service—Pacific Southwest Research Station
 USDA Forest Service—Province Ecologist
 USDA Forest Service—Shasta-Trinity NF (Forest Supervisor's Office, Weaverville Ranger District, Hayfork Ranger District)
 USDA Forest Service—Six Rivers NF
 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
 Weaverville Volunteer Fire Department



Strategies that Work

Investments in partnerships with volunteer fire departments and private fire businesses have enabled us to continue investing in prescribed fire implementation and capacity building despite challenges with insurance and limitations to our own physical capacity. Cooperative agreements for burning with both the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests also rank as major wins. These agreements allow us to share resources and work across ownership boundaries—we can share personnel and equipment on projects where either partner is the lead agency, and on both private and federally managed land. We're excited to continue to explore the legal arrangements and develop the relationships that will support cooperative burning for resource and community benefits.



Oak woodlands are burned as part of a restoration plan for Hayfork's municipal watershed that prescribes fire as a key management tool. This project includes public and private properties and engages several public and private partners. © WRTC/Josh Smith

Fire was used to selectively thin a pitchy pine during a training exchange (TREX) burn at Bar 717 Ranch near Hayfork. TREX organizers worked closely with the landowner to ensure that his expectations of the fire effects were aligned with the reality of the landscape and conditions—and the landowner was thrilled with the results. © Larry Luckham



What We've Learned

Aligning landowner expectations, resources and a burn window remains challenging. We've been able to successfully work with partners like the air quality district to improve flexibility—but there's still plenty of work to do to align policy, practice and opportunity.

Looking Ahead

The Northern California Prescribed Fire Council is planning a fall conference in Sacramento that will focus on natural ignitions managed for resource objectives and large-scale prescribed fire. We are working with partners from across the state and hope that this event will set the stage for new opportunities for expanding the use of fire as a critical management tool in California.



Beyond Our Borders

Our work on capacity building and cross-training fire workers is an important strategy. It helps integrate management and response capacity while ensuring that we're building the local knowledge and expertise to be effective stewards. Sponsoring the Northern California Prescribed Fire Council has created opportunities for peer learning, community building, policy education and collective action. Through this forum we're bringing together decision makers, researchers, practitioners and landowners who are learning and sharing across the region to increase the responsible use of prescribed fire.

Left: The fall 2013 TREX offered learning opportunities for fire personnel at all levels. People were able to meet training objectives ranging from burn boss qualifications to red cards. © Larry Luckham

Recent Success Story

We initiated the first major broadcast prescribed burns for resource benefits in Trinity County since the escaped Lowden Fire in Lewiston burned over 20 homes nearly a decade ago. Working with a wide range of partners—including our own workforce, federal agencies, private contractors, local volunteer fire departments, CAL FIRE and participants in the northern California prescribed fire training exchange—we were able to implement several hundred acres of successful burning across a range of vegetation types and land ownerships.

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