



# Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

Stonyford, California

# FireScape Mendocino Workshop 1

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In early November, 30 people gathered to initiate a stakeholder-based approach to fire management of the Mendocino National Forest and, to the extent that neighboring landowners are interested, to the surrounding area. The group brought diverse backgrounds to the table—and to the field, as they visited the forest together—as well as enthusiasm for diving in to the work.

Fire Learning Network staff will help facilitate the early stages for this “all lands approach,” using a planning methodology outlined in the Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation. This first workshop was designed to guide the group to conceptualize the scope, vision and conservation targets for its work, which will bring focus to the emerging collaboration. After two days of drawing on maps, brainstorming and peer assists, six sets of draft scope maps, vision statements and targets had been produced. The landscape’s core team will follow this up by consolidating the perspectives of

all the participants into a single draft scope map and vision statement, as well as five to seven targets for the group’s consideration at the next workshop.



The language and culture advisor for the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians collects acorns in a black oak grove near the Summit Springs Trailhead of the Mendocino National Forest, sharing with others on the field tour their importance as food for many California tribes. © TNC/Wendy Fulks



In a peer assist exercise, an archaeologist from one working group shares his group’s work on the geographic scope for FireScape Mendocino. Around him, participants from other work groups will ask clarifying questions and probe assumptions, allowing his group to refine their work. © TNC/Mary Huffman

## Participating Agencies & Organizations

- Blue Ribbon Coalition
- California State Parks
- Earth Island Institute
- Environmental Protection Information Center
- Grindstone Indian Rancheria of Wintun-Wailaki Indians
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
- Pendell Apiaries
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Sunflower Coordinated Resource Management Plan
- Tehama County Resource Conservation District
- The Nature Conservancy—California
- USDA Forest Service—Mendocino National Forest
- and area residents and landowners

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Near the Summit Springs Trailhead, participants share their reflections on what the landscape of the Mendocino National Forest means to each of them. © TNC/Wendy Fulks



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