



# Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

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## Trinity Mountains Implementation Update

Partners from the Trinity Mountains landscape, with support from the Scaling Up to Promote Ecosystem Resiliency (SPER) initiative, are making progress on the Trinity Integrated Fire Management Partnership (Trinity IFM Partnership). Led by The Watershed Center (WRTC) in Hayfork, the group is working to plan and implement cooperative prescribed burning across landownerships in Trinity County to reduce hazardous fuels, restore oak woodlands and mixed conifer forest, enhance range productivity and reduce noxious weeds. As part of the project, they are focusing on building local capacity (workforce, contractors, agencies and landowners), local community support and forging institutional arrangements to manage fire as a tool for ecological restoration and community protection.

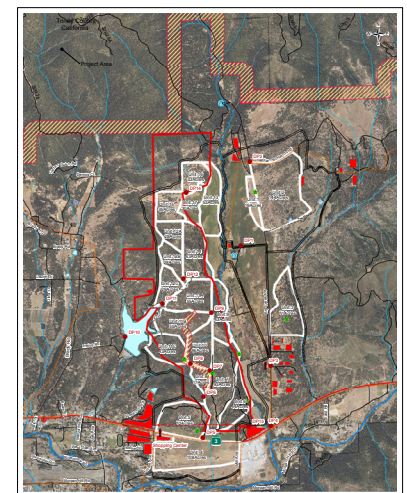
The WRTC fire program manager, Keith Alvord, has completed the first burn plan, covering over 1,100 acres on a combination of private and BLM lands in the Hayfork Valley. Techni-

cal review was provided by both local BLM and national FLN staff. The team has initiated burn planning on additional properties and is in the process of arranging a training program in partnership with the Forest Service and a local workforce development center. They are also working on a master participating agreement with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to define the terms of their partnership and facilitate resource sharing on public and private lands. The Trinity IFM Partnership plans to initiate an agreement with Western Klamath Landscape partners from the Mid Klamath Watershed Council and Karuk Tribe to participate in peer exchanges associated with their program.

The first burns are planned for spring 2012. By focusing on building socio-ecological systems designed for cooperation and resilience, they are pioneering a model of fire adapted communities and landscapes that may have applications across the U.S.

### Partners

- Bureau of Land Management
- CAL FIRE
- Private landowners
- Trinity County volunteer fire departments
- USDA Forest Service—Shasta-Trinity NF, Six Rivers NF
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Watershed Research and Training Center



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Burn map for the Big Creek prescribed fire, which will treat over 1,000 acres. The burn area is outlined in red; areas in which fuels have been treated are hatched in yellow.

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