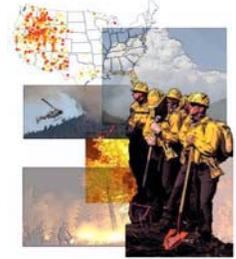


National Fire Plan

Economic Recovery Grant



California – A National Fire Plan grant was awarded to Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development to devise a plan to reduce hazardous fuels, and to study new markets for biomass materials. The \$90,000 grant will benefit six communities in California’s Madera and Mariposa Counties.

The hazardous fuels reduction plan will help communities in harms way to mitigate the damage caused by severe wildland fires. The biomass study will provide the communities with economically feasible options for using the trees removed from areas considered to contain excessive hazardous fuels.

USDA Forest Service Mariposa/Minarets District Ranger Dave Martin presents the grant check to County Supervisor Gary Gilbert, Madera County and Robyn Smith, Director of Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation & Development.

For additional information on the National Fire Plan, visit www.fireplan.gov