

# National Fire Plan

## Cleveland National Forest Pacific Southwest Region 2002



## James Jones, CNF MEL Engine 48, Heroism Award

Funding provided by the National Fire Plan has bolstered the Cleveland National Forest and its firefighting capability by adding six new fire engines, one handcrew, and a Helitack module in the last two years.

James Jones is a new CNF Firefighter Apprentice, he works on Engine 48, one of the new Engines added under the NFP. On September 28, 2002, James was recognized by the Incident Commander of the Williams fire, for heroic action in coming to the aid of an injured California Department of Forestry Handcrew member.

Engine 48 was part of a strike team assigned to the 36,000 acre Williams fire on the Angeles National Forest. On September 25, James and his crew were conducting a burnout operation to protect a small area of structures. A CDF Handcrew member working nearby was struck by a 3-foot diameter boulder, and knocked down steep terrain into an area that was still partially burning. Without hesitation, James pulled the injured firefighter from the burning area to safety.



James Jones, Back Home at Descanso Fire Station, With Certificate Recognizing His Heroic Action on the Williams Fire, September 25, 2002. (Photo by Rick Marinelli)