



National Fire Plan

Fire Protection and Planning Grants ~ California

The Six Rivers National Forest has been awarded \$221,613 in Community Protection and National Fire Planning grants with funds provided through the National Fire Plan. According to Forest Supervisor Jeff Walter, the grants help communities near National Forest System lands to reduce fuels and protect private property from the risk of wildfire. Jobs for the local economy are also provided through the projects.

Lower Mid-Klamath Wildfire Risk Reduction - The Mid-Klamath Watershed Council and its subsidiary, the Orleans Somes Bar Fire Safe Council, are receiving \$109,613 to create 90 acres of shaded fuelbreaks on private properties around the community of Orleans. This project is adjacent to the Orleans Community Protection Project implemented by the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District, and will complement fuels reduction work on National Forest System lands in the wildland/urban interface. Partners include the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department, Karuk Tribe, Six Rivers National Forest, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and private landowners.

Orleans/Somes Bar Prescribed Fire and Fuelbreak Project - The Mid-Klamath Watershed Council/Orleans Somes Bar Fire Safe Council is receiving \$54,000 to create 40 acres of strategic fuelbreak in preparation for 100 acres of prescribed fire on private properties in the Orleans/Somes Bar communities. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is providing matching funds for the prescribed burning. Other partners include the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department, Karuk Tribe, Six Rivers National Forest, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and private landowners.

Van Duzen Watershed Fire Planning - The Bridgeville Community Center is working with the Van Duzen Watershed Fire Safe Council, to develop a fire plan for the Van Duzen Watershed. The \$8,000 grant will provide funds for the plan and community outreach and education. Other partners include local volunteer fire departments and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, who will provide training on home and property fire safe inspections.

Gasquet Fuels Reduction - The Del Norte Fire Safe Council was granted \$50,000 to reduce fuels on 35 acres in two priority areas around the town of Gasquet. These properties are adjacent to the Gasquet Community Protection Project implemented by the Smith River National Recreation Area, and will complement the fuels reduction work on National Forest System lands in the wildland/urban interface. Project partners include the Gasquet Fire Protection District, who will provide volunteers for outreach and landowner education, and Six Rivers National Forest and private landowners, who will provide labor and donations for the project.