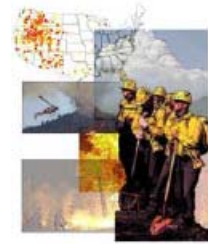


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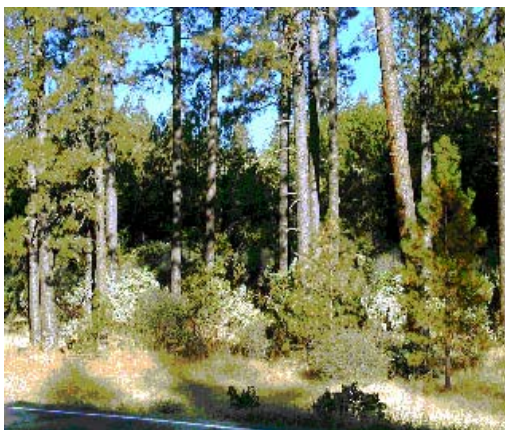
Sunday Knob Fuel Management Zone/ Yolla Bolla Ranger District

Project Description. The Sunday Knob Fuel Management Zone (FMZ) is located north of, and parallel to, California State Highway 36 on the up-hill side of the Highway, directly across from the Harrison Gulch Ranger District Office. The project area is on the Yolla Bolla Ranger District portion of the South Fork Management Unit, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The Sunday Knob FMZ project establishes an FMZ on approximately 390 acres (1,000 feet wide) of National Forest land along a 3-mile stretch of California State Highway 36 known to have a high occurrence of human caused fire starts.

The FMZ will provide firefighters a safety zone and an anchor point during future wildfire starts and future prescribed burning projects planned in the area. The FMZ is located approximately 1 mile northwest of Platina, California (an identified Community at Risk in the Federal Register). There are also adjacent private lands and residences in the immediate area. This project follows the forest fuels management strategy as stated in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Fire Management Plan per National Fire Plan direction.

Implementation and Accomplishment to date. During the summer and fall months of 2003, the Unit contracted 100 acres of FMZ construction. Forest Service crews completed an additional 10 acres this past spring. Hand pile burning will be implemented soon. This will complete the first phase of construction, providing a 300-foot wide FMZ along the highway. Treatments were all implemented by hand methods; no mechanical equipment or herbicides were used for the construction of the FMZ.

Below are before and after photos of the same areas. Hand piles still remain to be burned.



Figures 1 and 2. These pictures were taken prior to FMZ construction and after hand piling was completed and prior to pile burning.



Figures 3 and 4. These pictures were taken prior to FMZ construction and after hand piling was completed and prior to pile burning.



Figures 5 and 6. These pictures were taken prior to FMZ construction and after hand piling was completed and prior to pile burning.



Figures 7 and 8. These pictures were taken prior to FMZ construction and after hand piling was completed and prior to pile burning.

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