

Community of Shasta Benefits from Hazard Fuels Reduction Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, California National Fire Plan – Fuels Reduction

The National Park Service at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area and the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD) joined forces during Spring 2004 to reduce hazardous fuels in and around the community of Shasta. A heavy snowstorm in late December left broken limbs, branches and trees throughout western Shasta County. The damage was particularly noticeable in Shasta, which is just outside the Park's east boundary. The storm damage, combined with already high hazardous fuel conditions, had the potential to increase the risk of wildfire spread during the hot summer months.



WSRCD employees use a chipper to chip brush and limbs (left).

National Park Service vehicles deliver one of many loads during the day (right).

On two weekends in February and March employees from Whiskeytown and WSRCD provided chippers, technical assistance and support to residents to dispose of storm damage debris and excess brush from their properties. In addition to this project, Whiskeytown awarded WSRCD a grant to reduce 80 acres of hazardous fuels in areas adjacent to the Park boundary. Grants and cooperative projects are two ways that Whiskeytown supports reducing hazardous fuels and works with our partners to protect communities at risk.

Contact: Carol Jandrall, Fire Education, Prevention and Information Specialist
Phone: (530) 359-2304