

# National Fire Plan

## San Bernardino National Forest

### Pacific Southwest Region

#### 2002



### West Ridge Project

The San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest continues to make good progress on the West Ridge Project, which was designed for community protection of the Idyllwild mountain community in the Congressional District 44. The project, which began in 2001 and continued in 2002, has been a combination of prescribed burns; mechanical treatment, tree removal, and fuel break maintenance to enhance community protection and safety. The project long-term strategy focuses on maintaining healthy forests due to the underlying issue of overstocked stands of trees throughout the Idyllwild community area.

Funding for the fuels treatment project is part of the National Fire Plan. Over 1,240 acres have been treated on the West Ridge project at a cost of \$297,600. These funds have provided direct wildland fire protection for over 10,000 residences in the Idyllwild area.

Additional support personnel and equipment for project implementation were funded with new NFP fire management positions including a dozer and crews. The project has expanded with cooperated support from the California Division of Forestry, Riverside County, and the Idyllwild Fire District.

