Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2013 Work Plan



March 2013



Representatives of resource, fire planning and prevention interests met on February 5, 2013 to develop the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan, 2012 Work Plan. The process began in December of 2012, through online collaboration and reporting, and it was completed in late March of 2013.

Pictured at the annual meeting above are, from left to right, Cathy Dirden, LCFSC; Casey Boespflug, BLM Alturas & Surprise Valley Field Offices; Mervin Lent, Lassen National Forest; Mark Shaffer, RPF, HL Power; Mark Pustejovs, RPF, Sierra Pacific Industries, Karl Todd, BLM Eagle Lake Field Office, Aaron Albaugh, Lassen County Supervisor, Ivan Houser, RPF, Calfire, Dan Douglas, LCFSC, David Junette and Jim Berry, Calfire, Tom Esgate, LCFSC, Sara Billings, Plumas National Forest; Don Hansen, RPF, LCFSC Consulting Forester. Not pictured, but attending, Phil Nemir, RPF, David Sandborg

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Incorporated into the Lassen County CWPP 2012 Work Plan by Reference: www.fire.ca.gov

2013 CWPP Work Plan Private Land Priority Projects Ranking

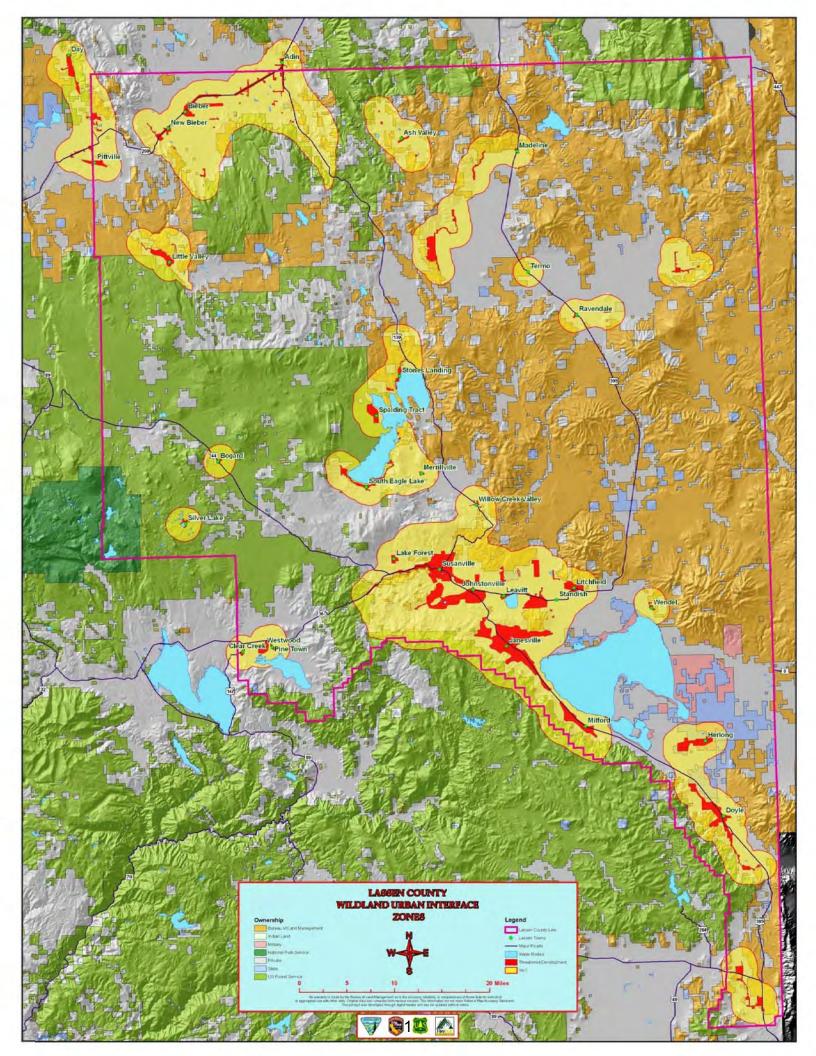
The Lassen County CWPP Work Plan ranks private land projects in a collaborative process that considers:

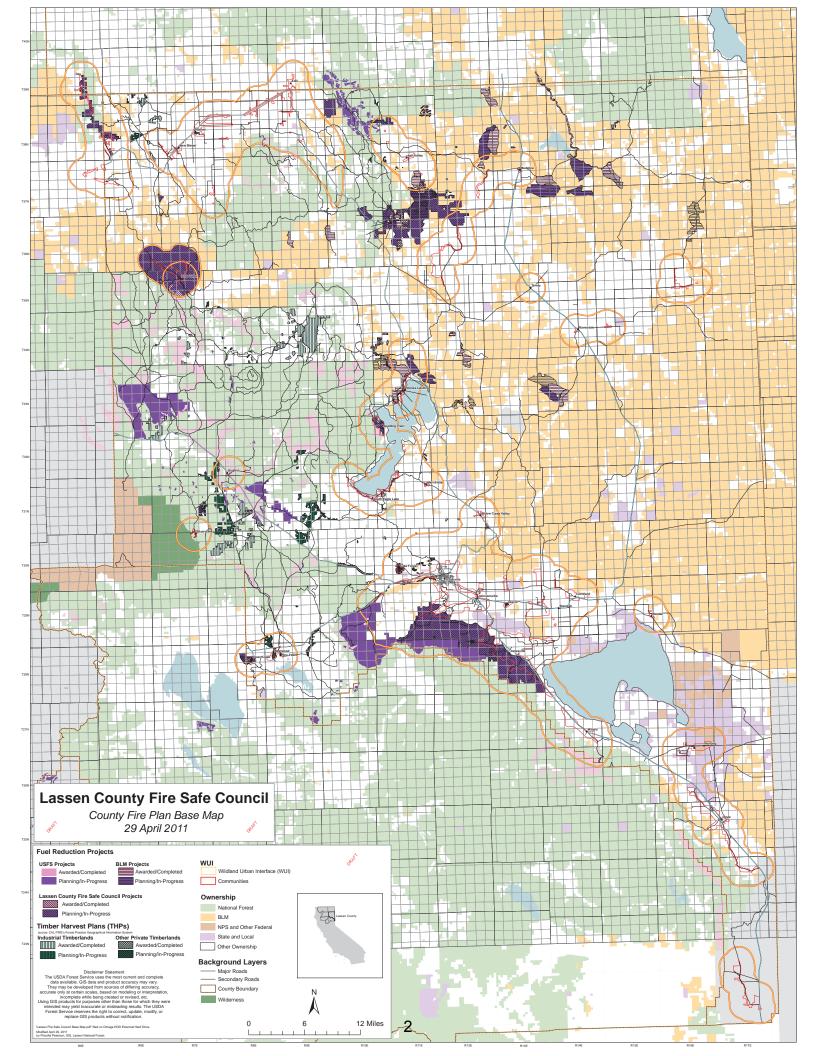
- 1. Guidelines recommended by the National Association of State Foresters, which state "Projects are prioritized based on the probability of success, community involvement and collaboration, and sustainability"¹, and;
- 2. Calfire, Lassen Modoc Unit ranking criteria, and;
- 3. Input from all Annual CWPP Work Plan participants

Annual ranking is adopted by consensus.

- 1. Milford
- 2. Little Valley
- 3. Doyle
- 4. Janesville
- 5. Eagles Nest
- 6. Spaulding

¹ Dan Smith, Fire Director, National Association of State Foresters, Presentation at the 2012 Wildland Urban Interface Conference, Reno Nevada.







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March 31, 2013

This year marks the 7th year that the Lassen County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Working Group has gathered, reviewed and ranked projects and also reviewed the Wildland Urban Interface boundaries throughout the county. Each year we are finding more ways to work collaboratively together.

Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc. continues to build on our strong partnerships and we have an aggressive program of active and planned fuel treatments. We are also ramping up the pace of getting Lassen County communities organized through the Firewise Communities USA program with 6 active communities to date.

Part and parcel of this *Firewise* effort is our one-on-one contact with residents through our Risk Assessment in the Home Ignition Zone consultations. Here residents learn what they can do to reduce structural ignitability in the advent of a nearby wildfire. One important point to remember: Many of the homes that are lost in wildfires are ignited by embers from a fire a substantial distance away, and then the home ignites the adjacent vegetation, not vice versa! As we say in our homeowner consultations: "This new information is standing things on their head in California where there is a huge and important emphasis on defensible space." Just having defensible space will not protect the home from an ember shower, one must also address structural ignitability. We continue to receive rave reviews from residents during our visits and we often hear "I had no idea..."

Last year we began our Clear Creek project in conjunction with our Sierra Pacific Industry and W.M. Beaty partners and work on the project will continue through 2013. Over 1,000 acres were treated and restored on our landscape scale Ash Valley project. In 2012 work also began on our 2,800 acre Kramer Ranch/Lookout project. This year will be another record year for project treatments as we will also begin new projects in Janesville, Milford, Little Valley and Ash Valley.

A big thank you to all our partners in the Lassen County CWPP Working Group,

Dorine Blankenship,

Chair



WUI Area: Throughout Lassen County Funding: Title III and other TBD

Various

2013 Implementation Acres: N/A

Agency or Agencies: Lassen County Fire Safe Council

Project Name: Education Program

Project Coordinates: N/A

Summary of Project: With the recent U.S. Forest Service ruling that youth education is no longer eligible for use of Title III funds the LCFSC Education Program will continue the "Firewise in the Classroom" 6th grade educational program throughout Lassen County with the use of other funding sources as available. The program will be in it's fifth year and is provided to all 6th grade classrooms except for Susanville School District's Diamond View School which we are continuously trying to get them to accept the program. We will also be reaching out to out local teachers for assistance in conducting another County Superintendent approved countywide 6th grade teacher "In-Service" training on the classroom curriculum in order to make sure all teachers are presenting the classroom program correctly completely and successfully as designed. We are reviewing and updating the information provided through the classroom curriculum in order to keep the program materials fresh and exciting for the students yet make it fun for the teachers to present to the children while at the same time providing informative relevant information to the parents.

We are working at making improvements to the "Smokey Bear Park" at the Lassen County Fairgrounds in partnership with the Lassen and Plumas NF, Eagle Lake BLM, and CalFire prevention staff. A new building has been purchased to replace the log cabin which has been deemed unusable due to rotting wood. Upgrades to the parade float used during community events/parades, etc. were completed last year.

The LCFSC Education Director will continue visiting several additional communities this year promoting the "Firewise" message throughout the County. Outreach will be provided to several local events such as the Lassen County Science Fair, The Chamber of Commerce Home and Garden Show, the Lassen County Fair, Doyle Days, Lassen Land and Trails Trust Rails to Trails Festival, The Fire Prevention Expo in MacArthur as well as other local events as they become aware to us throughout the year. Those communities that do not yet have or are unable to develop their own local fire safe council will be provided annual events in order to insure their continual "Firewise Communities" recognition as needed.

In addition we will continue our efforts in informing local homeowners and property owners the importance in installing proper house numbering in order to assist first responders efforts. We

continue our search for grant opportunities that may come around which may provide for a significant amount of funds for meaningful county-wide implementation. We are currently looking for grant opportunities that may be available through the Department of Homeland Security such as a Firefighter Community Safety Grant as recommended by the DHS for a program of this type.

We will continue our monthly Lassen County Fire Safe Council Education Committee meetings in an effort to develop new projects as they are presented by the groups as well as regular attendance at all Northeastern California Fire Prevention Council meetings as they as called.

We will focus on attending as many conferences and seminars as possible including the IAFC WUI Conference held annually in Reno as well as those provided by the CFSC and others which will provide us knowledge on additional eduactional opportunities to provide to Lassen County. In addition, we will continue our annual attendance and partnership with the Living with Fire program provided through the University of Nevada – Reno cooperative extension office.

Finally regular ongoing updating of information on our website <u>www.lassenfiresafecouncil.org</u> will be provided through our webmaster. Comments on improventents/suggestions for additional information, other agency website links, etc. are always welcomed and encouraged.

WUI Area: Westwood-Clear Creek Funding: Partially Funded

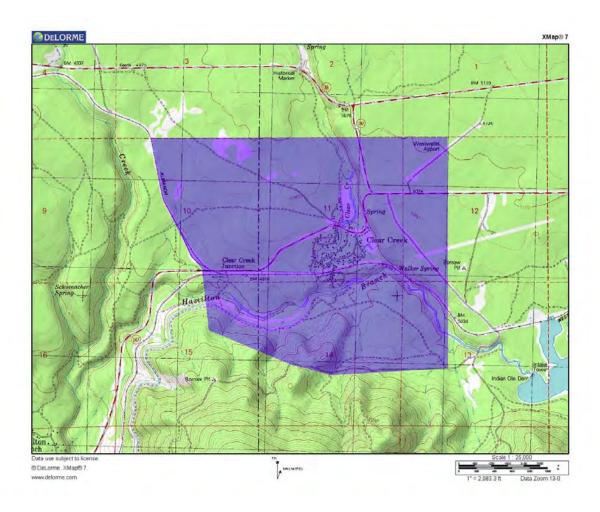
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1850

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC, SNC, CFSC, SPI, W.M. Beaty, CalFire, Clear Creek CSD

Project Name: Clear Creek Forest & Meadow Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.29628 W121.05017

Summary of Project: LCFSC has received funds to perform landscape scale fuel treatments that will restore the watershed and reduce hazardous fuel loads within and around the Clear Creek community along with its partners SPI & W.M. Beaty & Associates. Forest stands will be thinned and small trees and brush fuels will be masticated where they pose a threat to homes and/or are within potential evacuation corridors. Biomass utilization of material will be used to reduce costs. We will also perform Risk in the Home Ignition Zone/structure ignitability assessments with community residents. CalFire has commited conservation crews for hand treatments around the community. LCFSC is in search for additional funds.



WUI Area: Susanville Funding: Planning/Not Funded

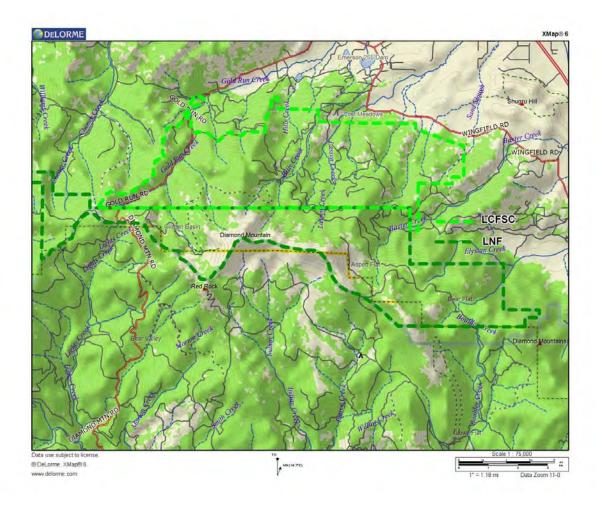
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 7000

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC

Project Name: Diamond Mountain

Project Coordinates: N40.3214 W120.6690

Summary of Project: LCFSC will begin planning with the Lassen National Forest (LNF) on a collaborative fuels treatment project along and below Diamond Mountain south of Susanville. LNF will be the lead for USFS land and LCFSC will be the lead for private land within the project area. It is anticipated the LCFSC will be asking for assistance from CFSC, CalFire and USFS with funding.



WUI Area: Doyle Funding: Planning/Not Funded

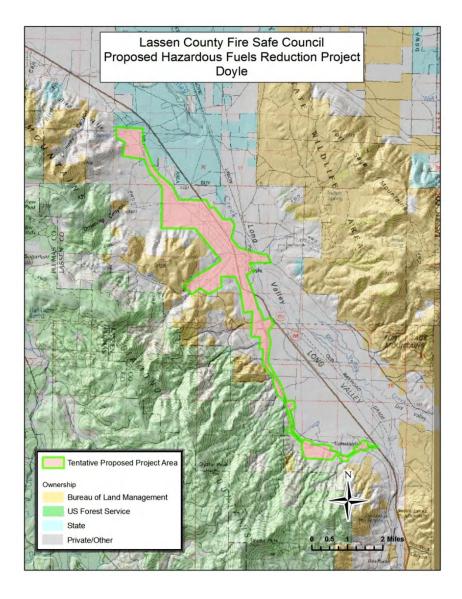
2013 Planning Number of Acres:

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC, PNF, BLM

Project Name: Doyle Fuel Treatments and Risk Assessments

Project Coordinates: N40.0273 W120.1030

Summary of Project: LCFSC, in conjunction with PNF and BLM, is in the initial planning stage of assisting the community of Doyle in gaining Firewise Communities USA status/certification and with a possible fuels treatment project that could include fuel breaks in sagebrush areas surrounding the community. Also under consideration could be private land forest thinning with cooperating landowners that are adjacent to PNF. Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone/structural ignitability assessments would also be conducted with community residents. LCFSC has been making its initial contacts with community members.



WUI Area: South Eagle Lake Funding: Planning/Not Funded

2013 Planning Number of Acres:

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC,LNF/ELRD, SPI

Project Name: Eagles Nest Planning

Project Coordinates: N40.5830 W120.7450

Summary of Project: LCFSC will begin planning and scoping of a project in the Eagles Nest Community in the South Eagle Lake Community. Project is within LNF and we will be working with LNF/ELRD and neighboring property owner SPI



WUI Area: Janesville Funding: Partially Funded

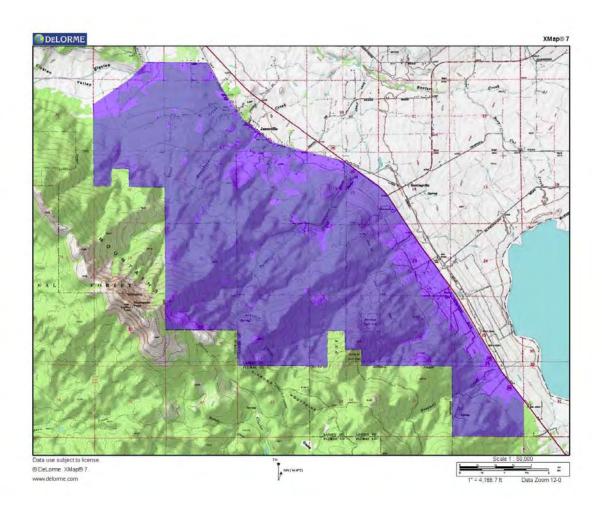
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 400

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC, Janesville Town Council, Lassen County RAC

Project Name: Janesville Fuel Treatments and Risk Assessments

Project Coordinates: N40.26777 W120.49461

Summary of Project: Project is the continuation of the 2010 fuel treatments and Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone/structural ignitability assessments. More residents signed up in the last phase than the available funds would service. Lassen RAC has supplied partial funding. The planned treatments include developing defensible space around homes and potentially 400 additional acres of landscape scale fuel treatments. Forest stands will be thinned and brush fuels will be masticated where they pose a threat to homes and/or are within potential evacuation corridors. Biomass utilization of material would be used to reduce costs.



WUI Area: Lookout/Nubieber Funding: Funded

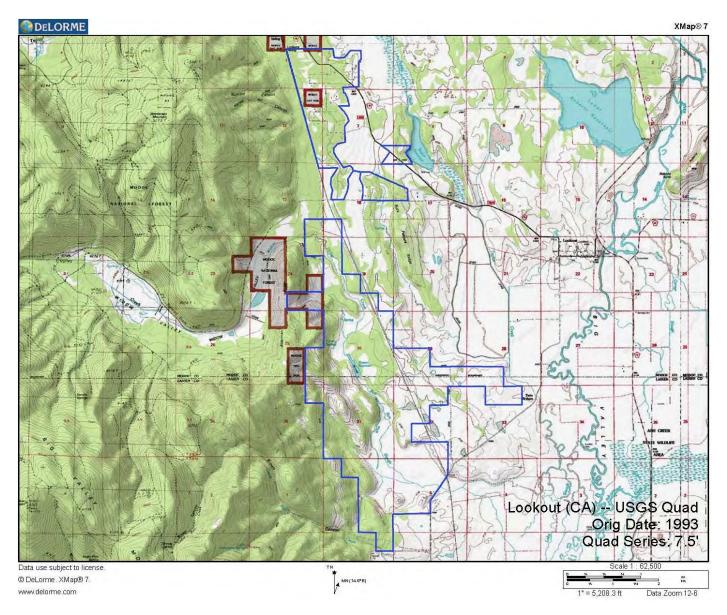
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 4200

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC, PRCD, SNC, CalFire, CFSC

Project Name: Kramer Ranch/Lookout Watershed Restoration & WUI Treatments

Project Coordinates: N41.1827 W121.2012

Summary of Project: Project reduces hazardous fuel loads and restores the forest, watershed and critical wildlife habitat. Invasive western juniper will be removed and pine stands will be thinned to 40-50% crown closures. Funded by SNC & CFSC; CalFire has committed Conservation Crews to assist with follow-up hand treatments. Treatments will also be conducted within the Lookout Ranchetts community. Project lies within Lassen and Modoc Counties and is also a top priority in the Modoc County CWPP.



WUI Area: Little Valley Funding: Partially Funded

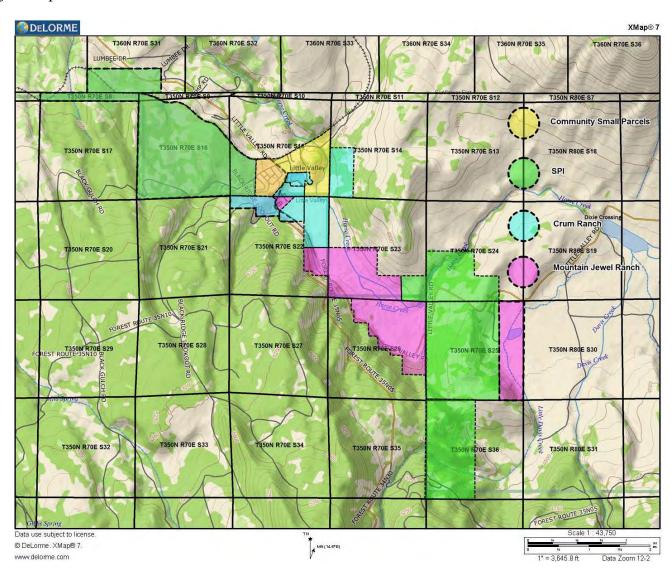
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 2000

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC

Project Name: Little Valley Forest & Meadow Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.8938 W121.1815

Summary of Project: LCFSC has received partial funding for this project. We expect that 800 acres will be treted in 2013. We will be applying for additional implementation funds to complete the forest and meadow restoration treatments around the community of Little Valley. Primary work will be the removal of invasive western juniper and forest thinning in overstocked pine stands. LCFSC is working with SPI and 2 other major landowners on landscape scale treatments. The project will also assist community homeowners with treatments within the Little Valley residential neighborhood. Risk in the Home Ignition Zone/structure ignitability assessments within and around the community will also be part of the project.



WUI Area: Milford Funding: Partially Funded

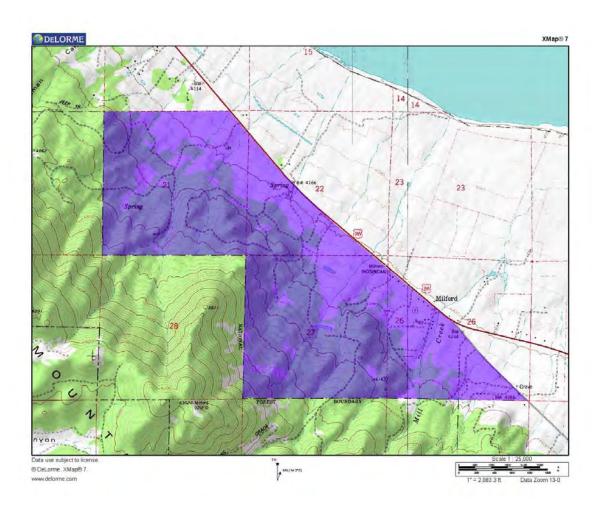
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 600

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC, CFSC

Project Name: Milford Fuel Treatments and Risk Assessments

Project Coordinates: N40.1768 W120.3885

Summary of Project: LCFSC will be implementing fuel treatments in 2013 and applying for additional implementation funds. 600 acres of fuel treatments are planned along with residential Risk Assessments in the Home Ignition Zone/structural ignitability assessments. LCFSC will be working with the community of Milford to achieve Firewise Communities USA status/certification in the course of the project. Forest stands will be thinned and brush fuels will be masticated where they pose a threat to homes and/or are within potential evacuation corridors. Biomass utilization of material will be used to reduce costs.



WUI Area: Susanville Funding: Planning/Not Funded

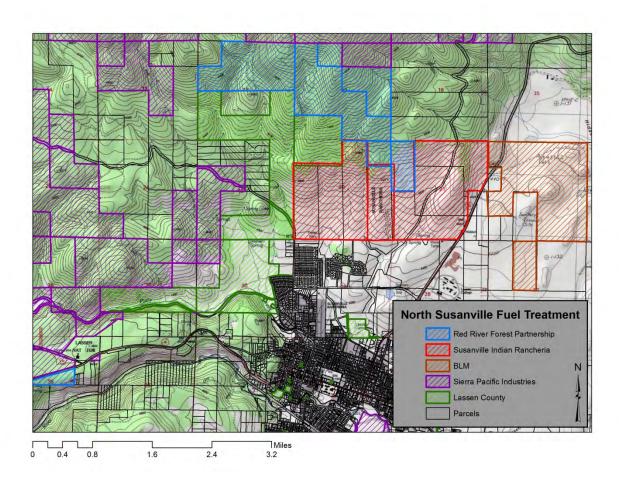
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 5000

Agency or Agencies: SIR/BLM/Beaty/SPI/Lassen County/HLV RCD

Project Name: North Susanville Fuel Treatment

Project Coordinates: N40. 4460 W120.6435

Summary of Project: LCFSC & Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District (RCD) is in the preliminary stages of organizing a partnership between the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Eagle Lake Field Office (ELFO), Beaty and Associates, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), the County of Lassen, and the Lassen County Fire Safe Council (LCFSC) to treat fuels within the Northwest and North WUI of Susanville from Hwy 36 to Hwy 139. Treatments will include mechanical thinning, biomass removal, hand thinning, and underburning. The objectives of the project are to reduce surface, ladder, and canopy fuels in order to protect the City of Susanville and improve forest health within the Susan River Watershed.



WUI Area: Spaulding Funding: Planning/Not Funded

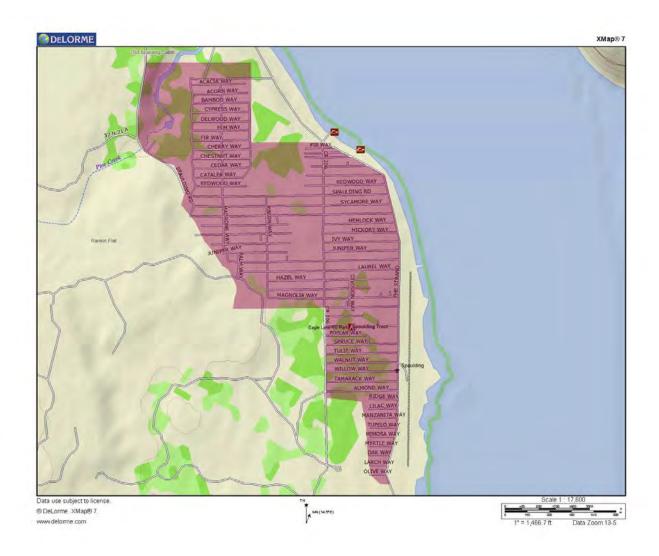
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 40

Agency or Agencies: LCFSC

Project Name: Spaulding Fuel Reduction Planning and Risk Assessments

Project Coordinates: N40.6573 W120.7759

Summary of Project: LCFSC will be seeking funds to perform risk assessments in the home ignition zone and fuel reduction treatments within and around the Spaulding community in Lassen County. Work will complement previously completed work by LNF. We may be asking for funding and/or assistance from CFSC, CalFire, Lassen County RAC or USFS



WUI Area: Susanville Funding: Partially Funded

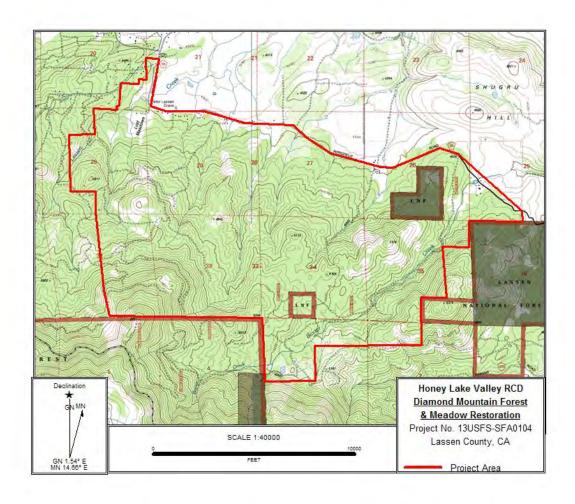
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 4332

Agency or Agencies: Honey Lake Valley RCD

Project Name: Diamond Mountain Forest & Meadow Restoration

Project Coordinates: N40.33 W120.62

Summary of Project: Restore/enhance ponderosa pine & Sierran mixed conifer forest, meadow, black oak & aspen ecosystems, reduce wildfire risk, improve public safety, and improve forest growth and resilency. Funding approved by Sierra Nevada Conservancy & CA Fire Safe Council to mechanically treat +/- 619 acres, hand treat +/-143 acres. Project work anticipated 2013 & 2014 seasons. Additional areas in preliminary planning phase.











Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative

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The Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative is an informal partnership that began in 2004, with the principle partners being the Pit Resource Conservation District, Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Susanville Indian Rancheria and University of California Cooperative Extension, Lassen County. We entered into a formal Memo of Understanding in 2007 with Lassen and Modoc Counties; CalFire; North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development Council; United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management; United States Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service. We partner with almost every conceivable agency to plan and implement sagebrush steppe and eastside pine restoration projects that are mitigating the impacts of invasive western juniper (Juniperus occidentalis).

Our projects to date have restored over 15,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat and watershed. The Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee has been a solid partner that has funded our administrative needs over the past three years. 2013 promises to be another successful year with numerous projects underway and more projects being planned for the future.

WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Planning/Not Funded

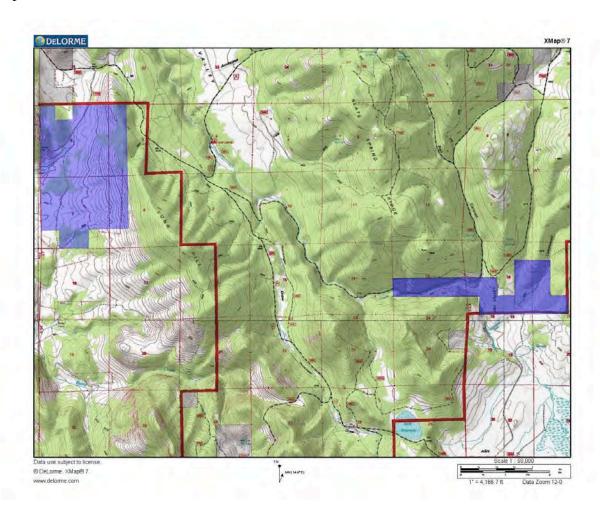
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 1900

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI

Project Name: Ash Watershed Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N41.1435 W120.8013

Summary of Project: CSSRI will continue planning with the Modoc National Forest (MDF) on a collaborative fuels treatment project west and north of the Ash Valley Community. MDF will be the lead for USFS land and LCFSC will be the lead for private land within the project area. It is anticipated CSSRI will be asking for assistance from CFSC, CalFire, NRCS and USFS with funding.



WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Partially Funded

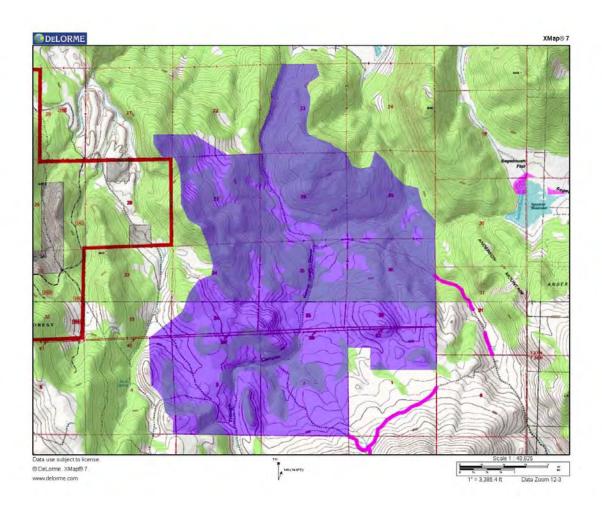
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 5500

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI, BLM, CALFIRE

Project Name: Ash Valley III Watershed Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N41.0047 W120.6750

Summary of Project: CSSRI is implementing this watershed restoration project on private and BLM managed land. BLM completed NEPA in 2011. Partial funding has been obtained from Lassen RAC, NRCS, SNC, USFWS and private landowner contributions. Project connects the BLM South Ash Valley, CSSRI Ash Valley I, II & IV and the CSSRI South Knob projects. Work consists of the removal of invasive juniper through biomass utilization in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loads and restore the watershed and wildlife habitat. 1,700 acres were completed in 2011-12. We are currently seeking additional implementation funds from SNC, NRCS and CA/DWR. An ongoing SNC funded water monitoring project is also part of the project. CalFire Conservation Crews are assisting with hand treatments.



WUI Area: Madeline & DFPZ Funding: Planning/Not Funded

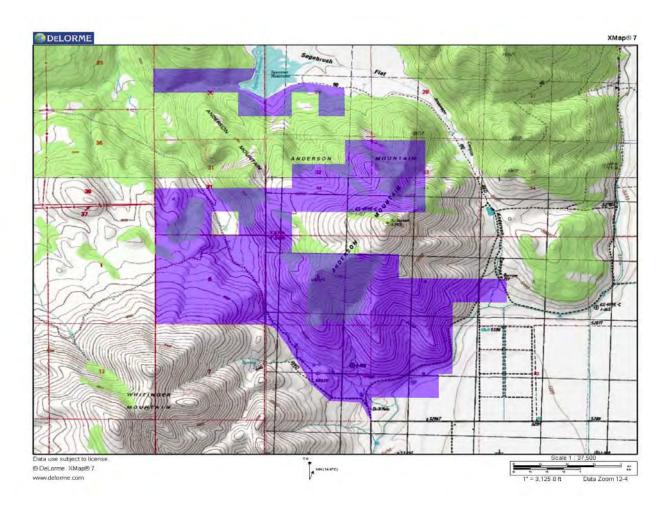
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 2554

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI

Project Name: Ash Valley IV Watershed Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.9793 W120.6119

Summary of Project: CSSRI, through its partners, will continue to make applications with various agencies to fund treatments on private lands. Project connects the BLM South Ash Valley, CSSRI Ash Valley I, II, III and the CSSRI South Knob projects. Work will consist of removal of invasive juniper through biomass utilization in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loads and restore the watershed and wildlife habitat. Project will be implemented by the Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative partnership and private landowners with the assistance of our funding partners



WUI Area: Hayden Hill DFPZ Funding: Partially Funded

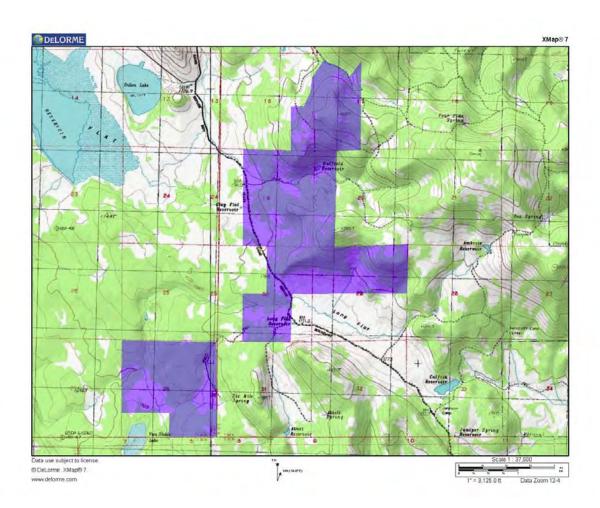
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1600

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI, CalFire

Project Name: Hayden Hill Watershed Restoration Projects

Project Coordinates: N40.9339 W120.8553

Summary of Project: CSSRI is assiting private landowners in the Hayden Hill area with watershed and wildlife habtat restoration treatments. A portion of the project is underway and being funded by NRCS and private landowner contributions. CalFire is assisting with hand treatments. Project connects with BLM projects. Work consists of the removal of invasive juniper through biomass utilization in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loads and restore the watershed and wildlife habitat.



WUI Area: McBride Springs DFPZ Funding: Planning/Not Funded

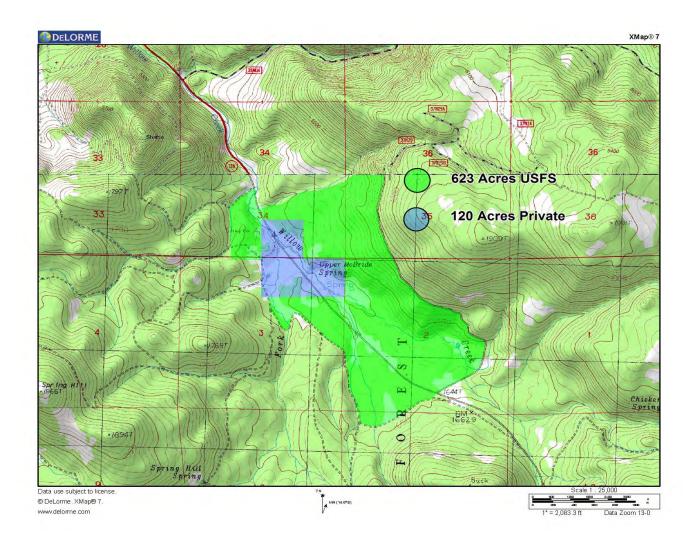
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 743

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI, MDF

Project Name: McBride Springs Upland Restoration

Project Coordinates: N40.9919 W120.7978

Summary of Project: CSSRI, through its partners LCFSC & PRCD, and in cooperation with the USFS, will be making applications with various agencies to fund treatments on private and USFS lands. NEPA and CEQA clearance has been underway for some time. In 2011 stream channel restoration work was completed. Planning work has been funded by SNC and CSSRI. Project would restore an important watershed along the Highway 139 corridor. Invasive juniper would be removed through biomass utilization in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loads and restore the watershed and wildlife habitat. Eastside pine thinning could also occur. Project would be implemented by the Cooperative Sagebrush Steppe Restoration Initiative partnership, with the Pit Resource Conservation District as the lead, and funding partners.



WUI Area: Grasshopper DFPZ Funding: Partially Funded

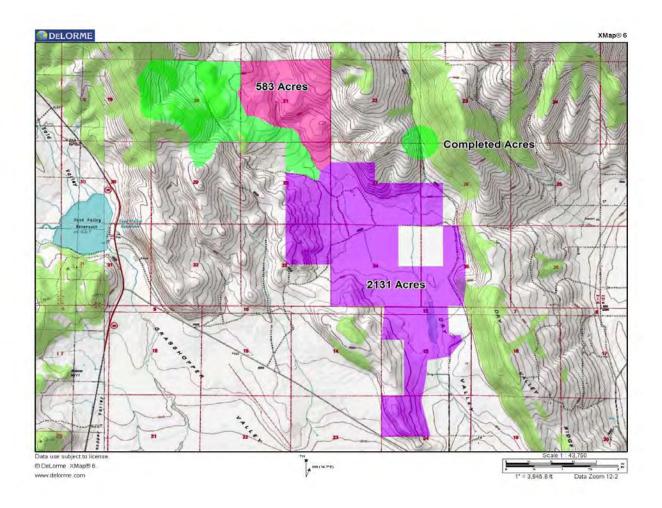
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 2131

Agency or Agencies: CSSRI

Project Name: McClelland Watershed/Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.9199 W120.7020

Summary of Project: CSSRI, through its partners PRCD & LCFSC, is making applications with various agencies to fund treatments on McClelland Ranch private lands in North Grasshopper Valley. The 583 acre portion of the project identified in the map below was completed in 2012. Project connects with the CSSRI South Knob projects. Work consists of the removal of invasive juniper through biomass utilization in an effort to reduce hazardous fuel loads and restore the watershed and wildlife habitat.





Bureau of Land Management Alturas/Surprise Field Office Fuels Management Strategy.

Reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire is a priority for the Alturas and Surprise Field Offices. We are working collaboratively with private and other public agencies to implement fuels projects that will help minimize the threat of wildfire. Life and property protection are of the utmost importance to the Alturas and Surprise Field Offices. Conducting fuels management projects in the WUI and beyond is allowing us to further this effort. A secondary ecological benefit achieved by these projects is the restoration of the sage steppe ecosystem by removing expansive western juniper populations. Working together with our partners, we are reducing the risk of wildfire while at the same time improving the ecological condition of our public lands.

Ash Valley Ranch Juniper Reduction

Increased Western Juniper density in the area is leading to a loss of understory and ecosystem diversity. The Lassen Fire Safe Council has approached BLM to treat the area to coincide with private, Forest Service, and previous BLM treatments in the area. BLM has completed the NEPA and plans are underway to implement a 500 acre biomass project.

Widow Peak Timber Thinning

This project is designed to reduce the existing fire hazard, thin advance of conifer regeneration and plantations and commercial thin areas of intermediate, co-dominant and dominate tress on

approxamitly 280 acres. Pre commerical size white fir within 30 to 100 feet of healthy pine will be removed to promote pine regeneration and reduce the ladder fuels around the more resistant pines. Within the mixed conifer stands most of the white fir with poor form, dead tops, poor vigor or old scars will be targeted for removal. In general, within the pure stands of healthy white fir, trees over 10 inch DBH will be removed to leave a spacing of 12 to 14 feet, leaveing the larger specimens. Approxamitly 180 acres have been completed and 200 acres of pine plantation are to be chipped and biomass removed.

Blue Door Juniper Reduction

The project area is 2100 acres with 1180 acres treated to date. Funded through Rocky Mountaion Elk Foundation to finish the remaining 300 acres. Biomass on 1300 acres is currently being removed by contractors.

Hayden Hill Sagegrouse Restoration

Hand cutting and Piling of Western Juniper to enhance Sage-grouse habitat and reduce hazardous fuel loadings. To date, 775 acres have been cut and piled. An additional 250 will be cut and piled in 2014. Pile burning operations are being implemented at this time with a total of 450 acres burned to date.

Knox Mountain

The proposed action is designed to reduce the existing fire hazard. The project area is 405 acres and cruised at 950,000 board feet. The pine component will be enhanced by pre-commercially thinning areas with advanced conifer regeneration, and commercially thinning intermediate, co-dominant and dominate trees that are showing signs of stress or overcrowding. Within the proposed treatment area white fir will be removed when in the vicinity of pine to allow for pine regeneration. Juniper reduction and biomass was carried out on 800 acres. Project is 95%

completeted with pile burning planned for this winter to finish project.

Cottonwood Restoration

Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical and hand treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. Approxamiltly 200 acres have been treated to date. The project is scheduled for completion this spring with 832 acres targeted. This project is in North Eastern Lassen county and is funded mainly by NRCS.

Starvation Restoration

Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical and hand treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. The project is scheduled for implementation spring 2013. This project is in North Eastern Lassen county and is funded by NRCS

Mitchell Hill

The project area is 1000 acres with 650 acres completed.

South Mitchell Hill

The project area is 2600 acres with over 2100 acres treated to date.

South Ash Valley 2012

Long-term (fuel treatment) projects would restore and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems, increase forage for wildlife and livestock, minimize fuel accumulation, and protect vulnerable communities. These projects would also improve recreational opportunity and enhance traditional gathering areas for Native Americans. 772 acres are currently under contract to start implementing in 2013.

South Ash Valley

Juniper density in the area is leading to a loss of understory and ecosystem diversity. The Lassen Fire Safe Council has approached BLM to treat the area to coincide with private and Forest Service treatments in the vicinity. BLM has let the contract on the 750 acre mechanical shearing and biomass. 500 acres have been completed to date. A 200 acre hand treatment of juniper was completed in 2008.

Williams Ranch Phase II

The project area is 400 acres with over 170 acres treated to date. Cut material will be utilized for firewood and offered up for biomass

WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Planning/Not Funded

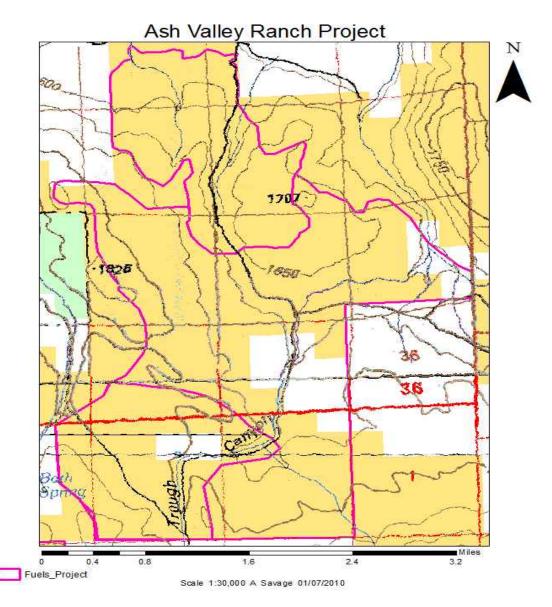
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 5000

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Ash Valley Ranch Juniper Reducion

Project Coordinates: N40.9999 W120.6851

Summary of Project: Increased Western Juniper density in the area is leading to a loss of understory and ecosystem diversity. The Lassen Fire Safe Council has approached BLM to treat the area to coincide with private, Forest Service, and previous BLM treatments in the area. BLM has completed the NEPA and plans are underway to implement a 500 acre biomass project.



WUI Area: Madeline Funding: Funded

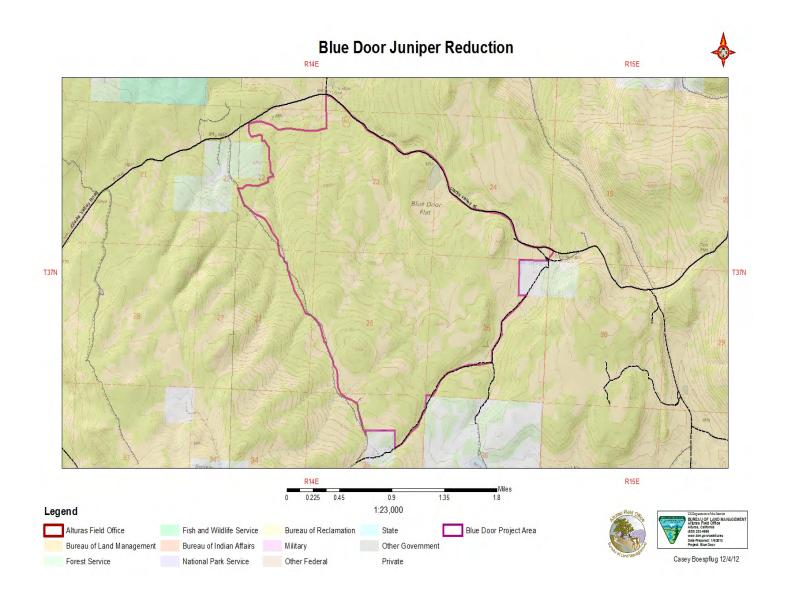
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 2100

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Blue Door Juniper Reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0604 W120.3457

Summary of Project: The project area is 2100 acres with 1180 acres treated to date. Funded through Rocky Mountaion Elk Foundation to finish the remaining 300 acres. Biomass on 1300 acres is currently being removed by contractors.



WUI Area: North Lassen Funding: Partially Funded

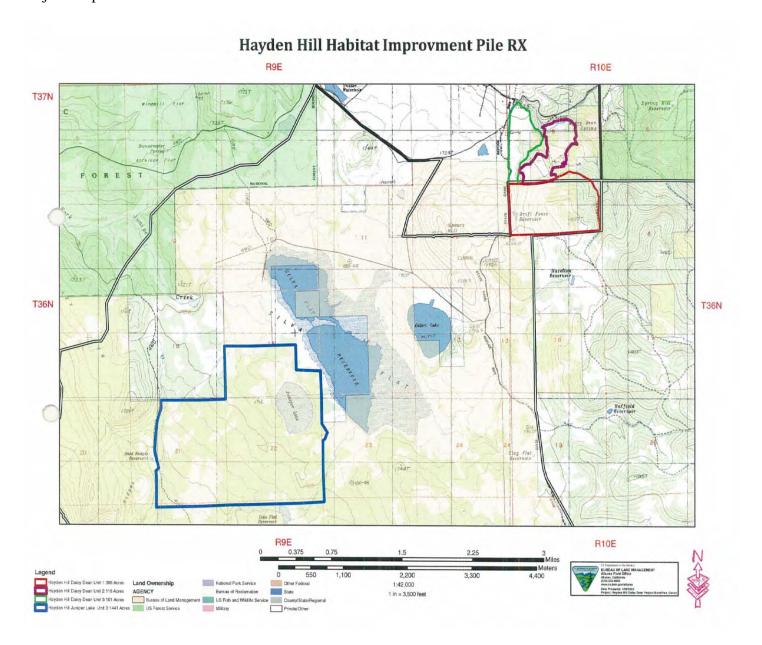
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1930

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Hayden Hill Sage-grouse Restoration

Project Coordinates: N40.9453 W120.9317

Summary of Project: Hand cutting and Piling of Western Juniper to enhance Sage-grouse habitat and reduce hazardous fuel loadings. To date, 775 acres have been cut and piled. An additional 250 will be cut and piled in 2014. Pile burning operations are being implemented at this time with a total of 450 acres burned to date.



WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Funded

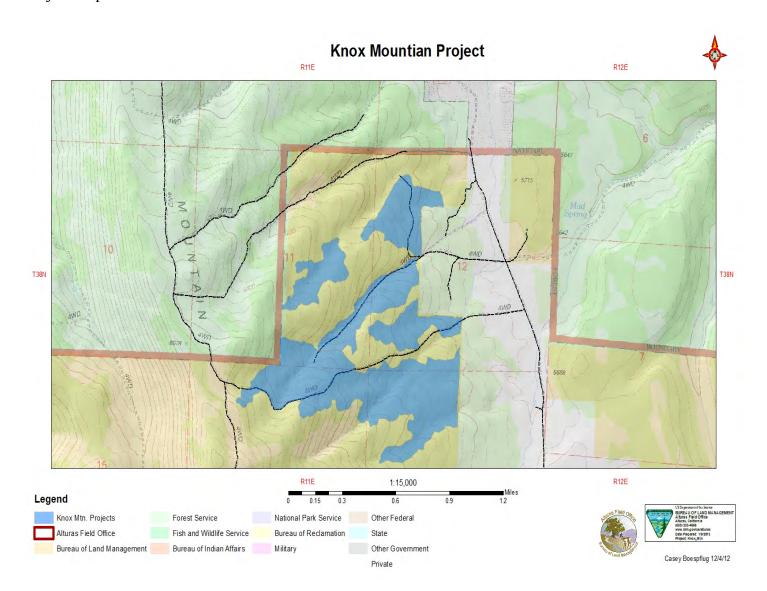
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 800

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Knox Mtn. Timber Sale

Project Coordinates: N41.1422 W120.6688

Summary of Project: The proposed action is designed to reduce the existing fire hazard. The project area is 405 acres and cruised at 950,000 board feet. The pine component will be enhanced by pre-commercially thinning areas with advanced conifer regeneration, and commercially thinning intermediate, co-dominant and dominate trees that are showing signs of stress or overcrowding. Within the proposed treatment area white fir will be removed when in the vicinity of pine to allow for pine regeneration. Juniper reduction and biomass was carried out on 800 acres. Project is 95% completeted with pile burning planned for this winter to finish project.



WUI Area: Madeline Funding: Partially Funded

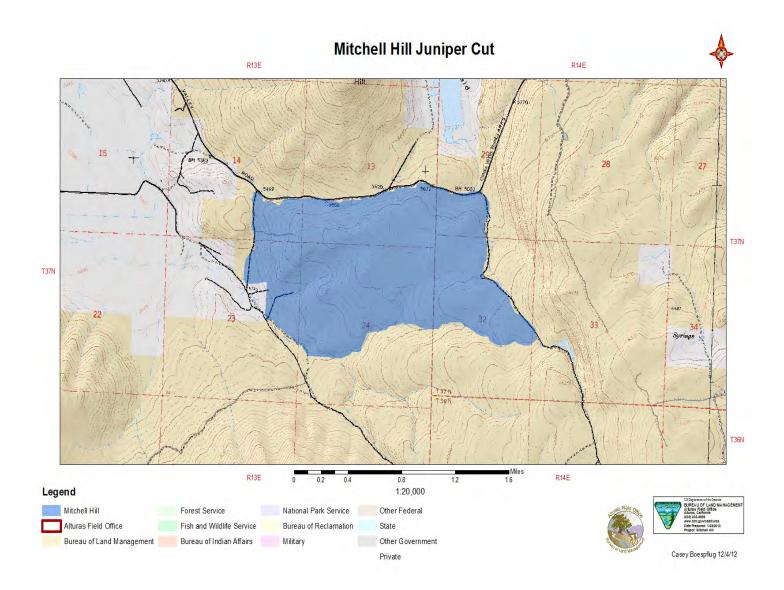
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1000

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Mitchell Hill Juniper reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0342 W120.4243

Summary of Project: Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical and hand treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. The project area is 1000 acres with 650 acres completed.



WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Partially Funded

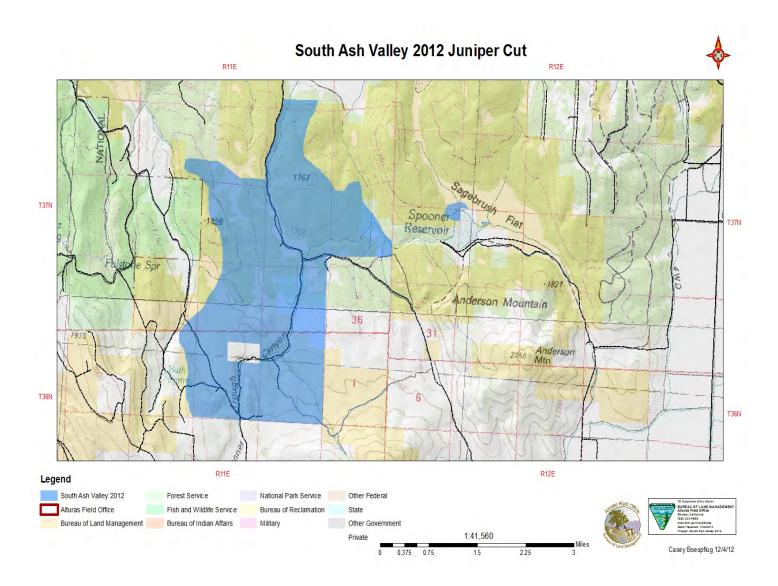
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 4355

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: South Ash Valley 2012 Juniper Reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0071 W120.6826

Summary of Project: Long-term (fuel treatment) projects would restore and maintain fire-dependent ecosystems, increase forage for wildlife and livestock, minimize fuel accumulation, and protect vulnerable communities. These projects would also improve recreational opportunity and enhance traditional gathering areas for Native Americans. 772 acres are currently under contract to start implementing in 2013.



WUI Area: Ash Valley Funding: Funded

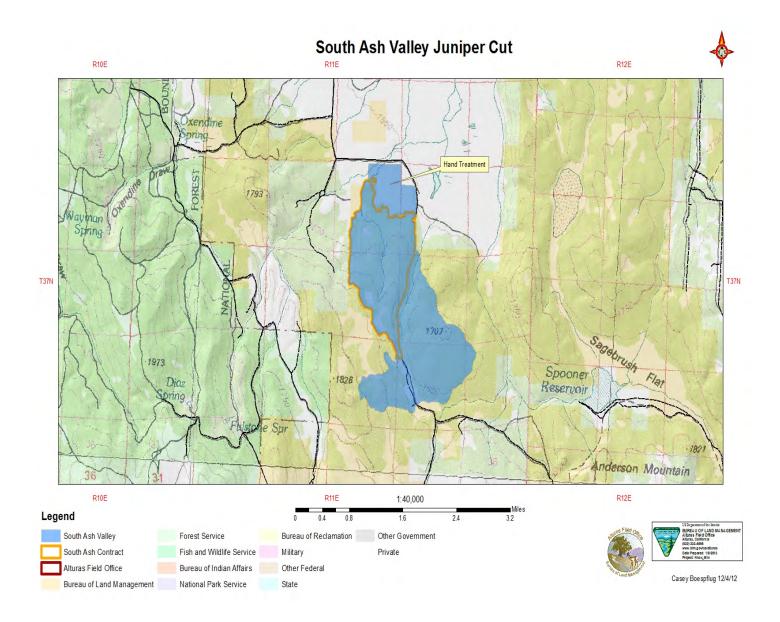
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 750

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: South Ash Valley Juniper Reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0304 W120.6831

Summary of Project: Juniper density in the area is leading to a loss of understory and ecosystem diversity. The Lassen Fire Safe Council has approached BLM to treat the area to coincide with private and Forest Service treatments in the vicinity. BLM has let the contract on the 750 acre mechanical shearing and biomass. 500 acres have been completed to date. A 200 acre hand treatment of juniper was completed in 2008.



WUI Area: Madeline Funding: Partially Funded

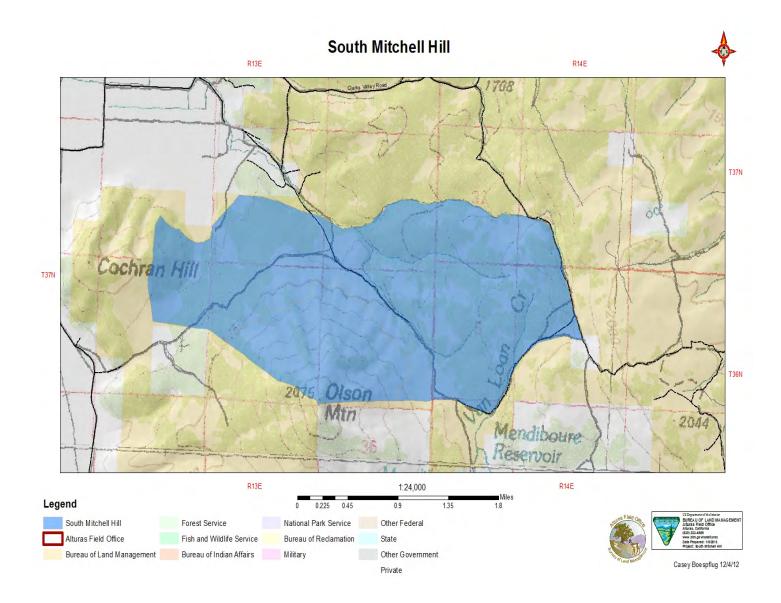
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 2600

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: South Mitchell Hill Juniper reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0171 W120.4260

Summary of Project: Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. The project area is 2600 acres with over 2100 acres treated to date.



WUI Area: Lassen/Day Bench Funding: Funded

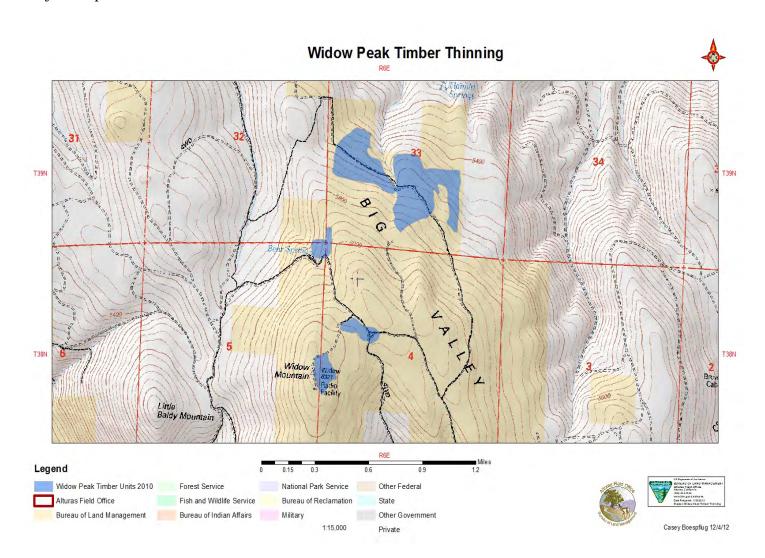
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 280

Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Widow Peak Thinning

Project Coordinates: N41.1735 W121.2890

Summary of Project: This project is designed to reduce the existing fire hazard, thin advance of conifer regeneration and plantations and commercial thin areas of intermediate, co-dominant and dominate tress on approxamitly 280 acres. Pre commercial size white fir within 30 to 100 feet of healthy pine will be removed to promote pine regeneration and reduce the ladder fuels around the more resistant pines. Within the mixed conifer stands most of the white fir with poor form, dead tops, poor vigor or old scars will be targeted for removal. In general, within the pure stands of healthy white fir, trees over 10 inch DBH will be removed to leave a spacing of 12 to 14 feet, leaveing the larger specimens. Approxamitly 180 acres have been completed and 200 acres of pine plantation are to be chipped and biomass removed.



WUI Area: Madeline Funding: Partially Funded

2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 400

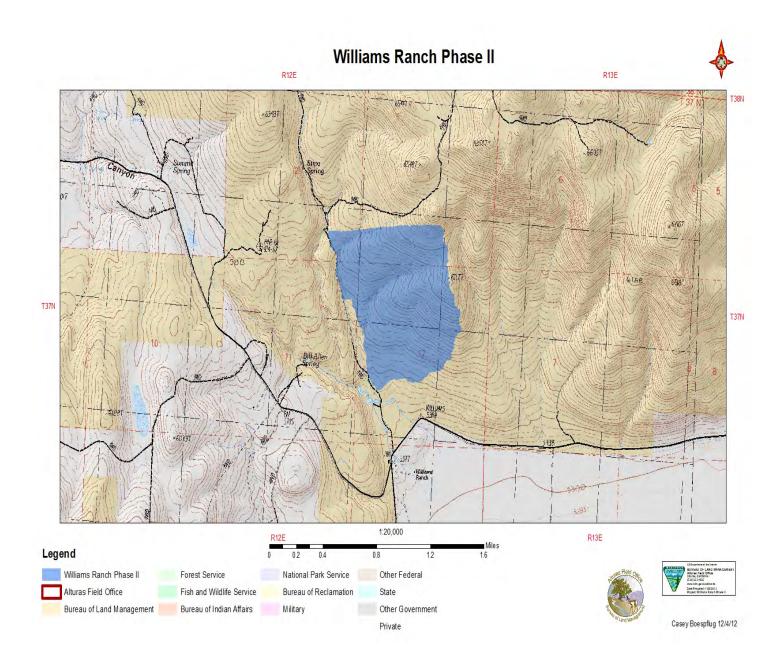
Agency or Agencies: BLM Alturas F.O.

Project Name: Williams Ranch Juniper Reduction

Project Coordinates: N41.0590 W120.5540

Summary of Project: The project area is 400 acres with over 170 acres treated to date. Cut material will be

utilized for firewood and offered up for biomass.



WUI Area: None Funding: Funded

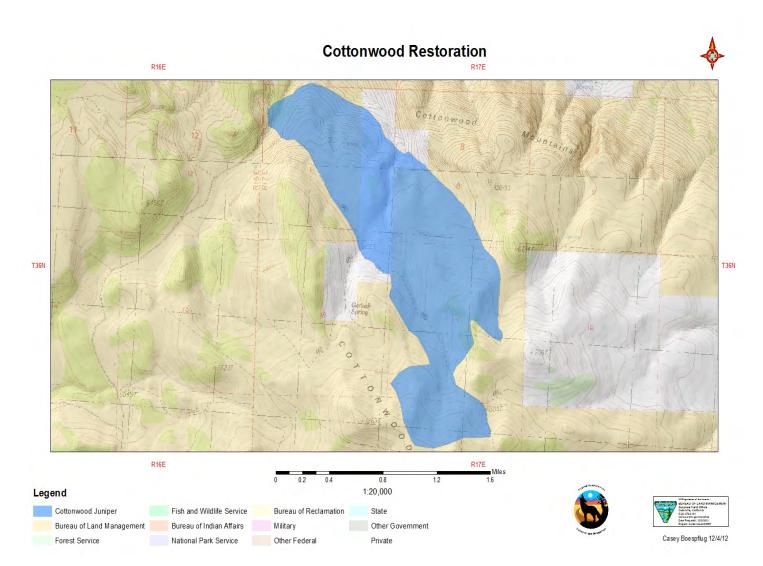
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1036

Agency or Agencies: BLM Surprise F.O.

Project Name: Cottonwood Restoration

Project Coordinates: N40.9955 W120.07618

Summary of Project: Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical and hand treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. Approxamiltly 200 acres have been treated to date. The project is scheduled for completion this spring with 832 acres targeted. This project is in North Eastern Lassen county and is funded mainly by NRCS.



WUI Area: None Funding: Funded

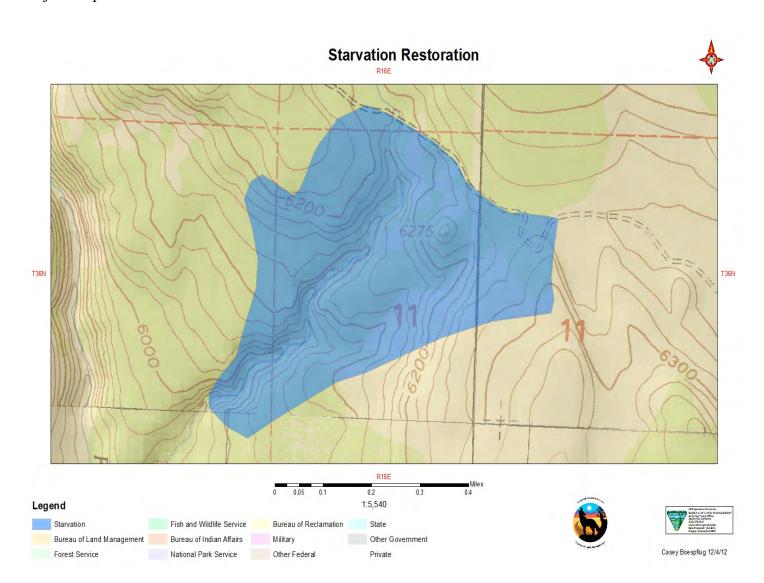
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 145

Agency or Agencies: BLM Surprise F.O.

Project Name: Starvation Restoration

Project Coordinates: N41.0044 W120.13013

Summary of Project: Western Juniper has encroached over a vast area in Northeast California. This encroachment has contributed to degraded watersheds, degraded wildlife habitat, reduction of livestock forage, and reduction of bio-diversity and increased the hazard of catastrophic wildfire. By reducing areas of Western Juniper stands by mechanical and hand treatments, the current ecological trend can be slowed or stopped, allowing recovery of degraded natural resources. The project is scheduled for implementation spring 2013. This project is in North Eastern Lassen county and is funded by NRCS.



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The Eagle Lake Field Office currently has Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Ecosystem Restoration, projects planned or ongoing in Lassen County. The purpose and benefits of these projects are community and resource protection, wildlife habitat improvement, rangeland improvement and ecosystem restoration.

Bald Hills Stewardship. The BLM proposes to reduce the density of Jeffrey pine and western juniper on northwest of Eagle Lake. The primary objectives are to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire in the naturally regenerated stand and to increase spacing between trees in the plantations. The density along the Cleghorn Road will also be reduced which will enhance its use as a fire break. The secondary benefits include improving wildlife habitat by increasing the biodiversity of understory vegetation and enhancing forest stand resilience to insects and disease. The project is proposed for late 2011 or 2012. The primary teatment method will be mechanized thinning with biomass and sawtimber removal.

Brush Hill Timber Harvest units will be harvested using conventional tractor logging methods. This will include mechanized felling and tracked or rubber-tired skidding. Forest products include sawlogs and biomass (wood chips). Late successional trees with characteristics that make them suitable for wildlife habitat will be retained. Current canopy conditions across substantial portions of these stands are near 100% canopy closure. The harvest proprescription will target a crown spacing of between 10 to 20 feet. This will reduce crown continuity and wildfire hazard fuels. Work is planned to begin during the spring of 2014.

Diamond Mtn. Sanitation Project. The proposed action, designed to reduce the spread of mountain pine beetle and various species of dwarf mistletoe infecting ponderosa and Jeffrey pine, will incorporate a sanitation harvest and free thinning method. The use of these two silvicultural treatments will not only reduce the spread of these pathogens but also reduce density dependent mortality of trees within this stand. The total area of the treatment is 75 acres. The harvest of infected trees will be both mechanized and hand felled. Harvest will target infected trees unless they are deemed to have wildlife value as snags. In the case of mistletoe, harvest of trees from around each wildlife tree will be done in order to reduce its spread. Additionally, the free thinning will be used to reduce tree density favoring the resilience of remaining late seral trees to insect, disease, and wildfire. Wood products will be utilized for sawlogs, biomass, and fuelwood.

The **Dodge Reservoir** Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Habitat Improvement Project's goal is to reduce high densities of western juniper in order to improve sage grouse habitat, watershed health, reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires and to restore the project area to a more healthy and productive plant community.

Fredonyer Peak Stewardship. The BLM proposes to reduce the density of white fir and western juniper on up to 3500 acres on Fredonyer Peak (see Map). This project may be accomplished using the using the Stewardship Contracting authority. The primary objectives are to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire to the forest resources and watershed attributes, increase water yield to the Eagle Lake and Horse Lake basins, improve wildlife habitat by increasing the biodiversity of understory vegetation and primary production, and enhancing forest stand resilience to insects and disease.

The **North Eagle** and **South Cleghorn** Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects are an extension of the Stones-Bengard project with the same objective to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire that could threaten valuable timber resources, and Bald Eagle habitat as well as the community of Stones-Bengard. The planned treatments of these projects have also been identified in the Cleghorn Habitat Management Plan (a plan for the protection and management of a Bald Eagle nesting territory on public land.) Benefits will include community and resource protection, rangeland and bald eagle habitat improvement.

The **North Horse** and **South Grasshopper** Hazardous Fuels Reduction Projects are in areas that have been identified as Fire Regime III in a condition class of 2 and 3. Our goal is to reduce high densities of western juniper and reintroduce fire into the ecosystem. This will reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and restore the project areas to a more healthy and productive plant community and in the future return the Fire Regime to a condition class of 1.

Shoals Creek Sage-Steppe Restoration Project. The BLM proposes to reduce high densities of western juniper within a 570 acre project area. This would serve to decrease the probability of large catastrophic wildfires and would promote the reestablishment of lower fire hazard vegetation types dominated by native shrubs, grasses and forbs thereby improving the overall ecosystem health and Sage Grouse Habitat. This project will be conducted across ownership boundaries in cooperation with Private Land Owners, NRCS and the BLM.

WUI Area: Eagle Lake/Stones Landing Funding: Funded

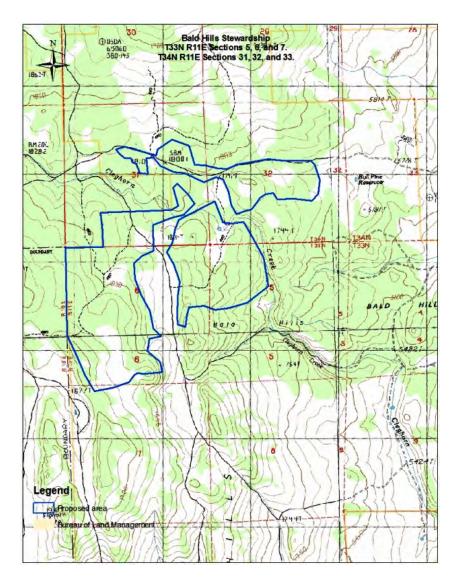
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 828

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: Bald Hills Stewardship

Project Coordinates: W120.7568 N40.7609

Summary of Project: The BLM proposes to reduce the density of Jeffrey pine and western juniper on northwest of Eagle Lake (see Map). The primary objectives are to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire in the naturally regenerated stand and to increase spacing between trees in the plantations. The density along the Cleghorn Road will also be reduced which will enhance its use as a fire break. The secondary benefits include improving wildlife habitat by increasing the biodiversity of understory vegetation and enhancing forest stand resilience to insects and disease. Work on the ground is scheduled to begin in spring 2013. The primary teatment method will be mechanized thinning with biomass and sawtimber removal.



WUI Area: Non WUI Funding: Funded

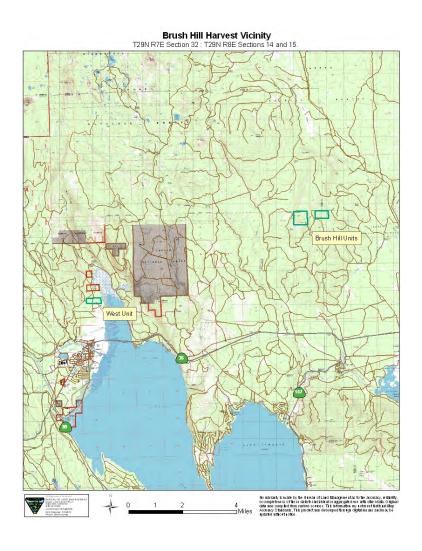
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 320

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: Brush Hill

Project Coordinates: -121.2222 40.3345

Summary of Project: The Brush Hill units will be harvested using conventional tractor logging methods. This will include mechanized felling and tracked or rubber-tired skidding. Forest products include sawlogs and biomass (wood chips). A well-developed road system exists with drainage facilities in place. Trees to be harvested will be designated by marking by a professional forester and will be based on a single tree selection silvicultural method. Late successional trees with characteristics that make them suitable for wildlife habitat will be retained and in some cases designated with placards. Current canopy conditions across substantial portions of these stands are near 100% canopy closure. The harvest prprescription will target a crown spacing of between 10 to 20 feet. This will reduce crown continuity and wildfire hazard fuels. Work is planned to begin during the spring of 2014.



WUI Area: Susanville Funding: Funded

2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 75

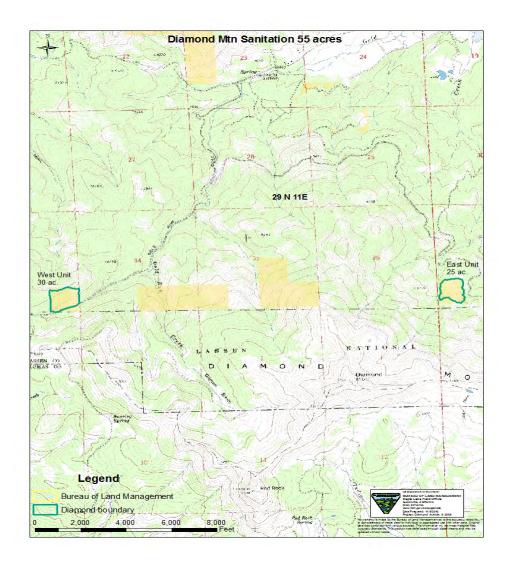
Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: Diamond Mountain Stewardship

Project Coordinates: W120.6777 N40.3248

Summary of Project: The proposed action, designed to reduce the spread of mountain pine beetle and various species of dwarf mistletoe infecting ponderosa and Jeffrey pine, will incorporate a sanitation harvest and free thinning method. These silvicultural treatments will reduce the spread of these reducing mortality of trees within the stand. The harvest of infected trees will be both mechanized and hand felled. Harvest will target infected trees. Wood products will be utilized for sawlogs, biomass, and fuelwood.

Contract was awarded, and treatment was completed in the fall of 2012.



WUI Area: Non WUI Funding: Partially Funded

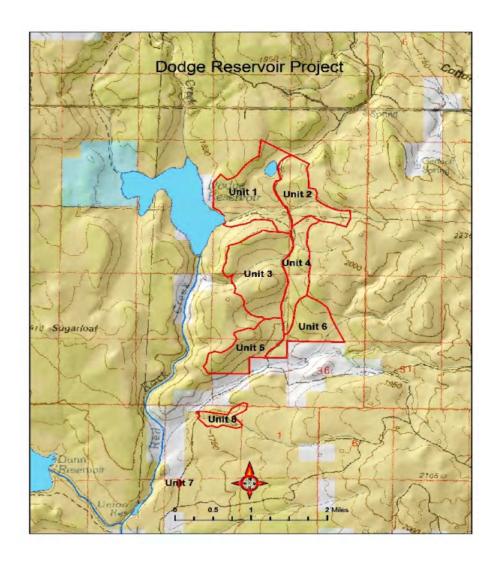
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1500

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: Dodge Reservoir Stewardship

Project Coordinates: N40.9624 W120.1185

Summary of Project: Using Stewardship Contracting Authority, thin approximately 1500 acres over three years 2012-2017 using mechanical and hand treatments to reduce high densities of western juniper. The main objective is to improve sage grouse habitat, watershed health, reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires and to restore the project area to a more healthy and productive plant community. Most of the material will be chipped and removed to be utilized as biomass for electricity production in local Co-Generation Plants. Completed (2010): 200 acres of mechanical thinning and 5 acres of hand thinning. Approximately 350 acres of mechanical thinning is scheduled to begin during the spring of 2013.



WUI Area: Non WUI Funding: Funded

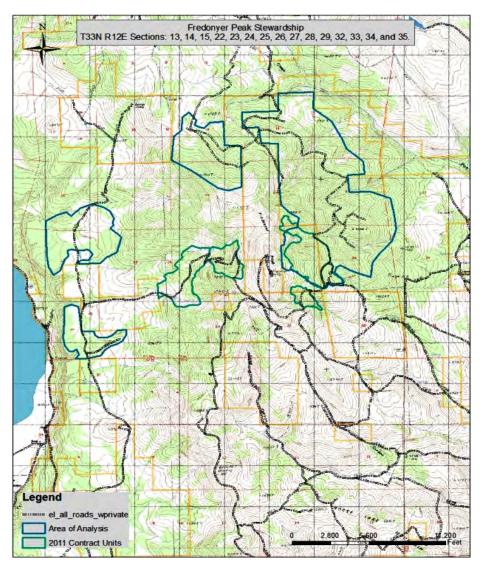
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 3500

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: Fredonyer Peak Stewardship

Project Coordinates: W120.6068 N40.6888

Summary of Project: The BLM proposes to reduce the density of white fir and western juniper on up to 3500 acres on Fredonyer Peak. This will be accomplished using the Stewardship Contracting authority. The primary objectives are to reduce the risk of high severity wildfire to the forest resources and watershed attributes, improve wildlife habitat, and enhance forest stand resilience to insects and disease. The treatment method will be mechanized harvest using conventional tractor harvesting systems and prescribed fire treatments. Wood products will be utilized for biomass, and sawlogs. This is a multi year project. A contract for the mechanical thinning of 800 acres has been finalized and work is scheduled to begin in September 2013.



WUI Area: Non WUI Funding: Funded

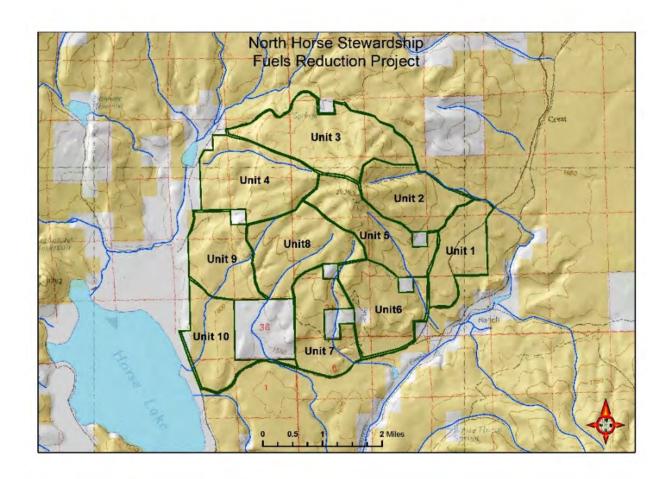
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 10162

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: North Horse Stewardship

Project Coordinates: N40.6929 W120.4286

Summary of Project: The proposed action is to use a combination of mechanical and prescribed fire treatments over a ten year treatment schedule to reduce high densities of western juniper reducing the risk of catastrophic fire and restoring the project area to a more healthy and productive plant community. Total project area is approximately 10,000 acres. Most of the material will be chipped and removed to be utilized as biomass for electricity production in local Co-Generation Plants. Accomplished (2010): 665 acres of mechanical thinning, 100 acres of handthinning/piling, and 125 acres of pile burning. Accomplished (2011): 1,130 acres of mechanical thinning, 300 acres of handthinning/piling, and 88 acres of pile burning. Accomplished (2012): 1,200 acres of Mechanical thinning. Planned (2013): 600 acres of mechanical thinning.



WUI Area: Non WUI Funding: Funded

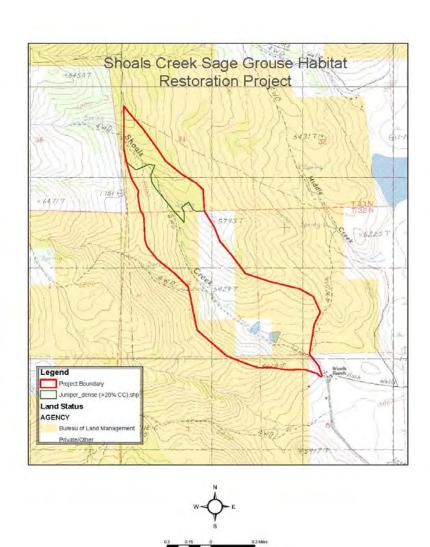
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 570

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O. & NRCS

Project Name: Shoals Creek Sage-Steppe Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.66061 W120.54932

Summary of Project: The BLM proposes to reduce high densities of western juniper within a 570 acre project area. This would serve to decrease the probability of large catastrophic wildfires and would promote the reestablishment of lower fire hazard vegetation types dominated by native shrubs, grasses and forbs thereby improving the overall ecosystem health and Sage Grouse Habitat. Accomplished (2012): approximately 250 acres of hand thinning. Planned (2013): approximately 320 acres of hand thinning.



WUI Area: Eagle Lake/Stones Landing Funding: Funded

2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1716

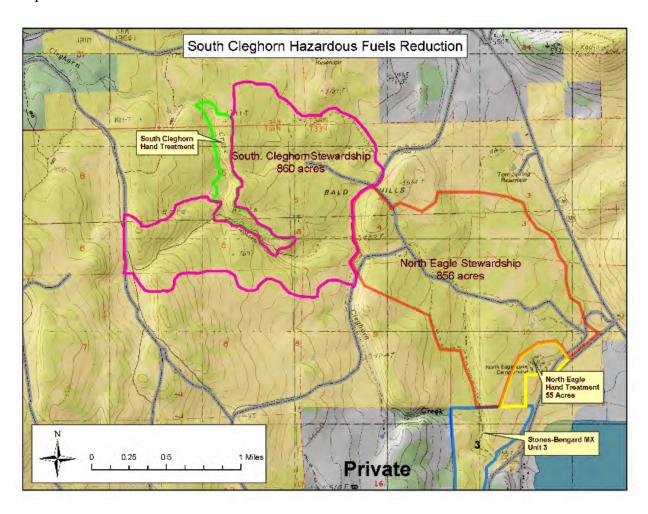
Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: South Cleghorn & North Eagle Stewardship

Project Coordinates: N40.7521 W120.7507

Summary of Project: Using Stewardship Contracting Authority, 860 acres were treated 2008-2009 using a variety of mechanical means to reduce wildland fuels. The main objective is to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to the community of Stones-Bengard. A small hand treatment area of 88 acres is also identified along Cleghorn Creek to protect the stream bed from mechanical operations. Treatment began in 2009, by crews using chainsaws to reduce the current density of juniper and pine, and was completed during the summer of 2010. The piles generated were burned during December 2010.

Broadcast Underburning is in the planning phase for 2013-2014 for this project area and the North Eagle Stewardship area also shown on the map.



WUI Area: Eagle Lake/Stones Landing Funding: Funded

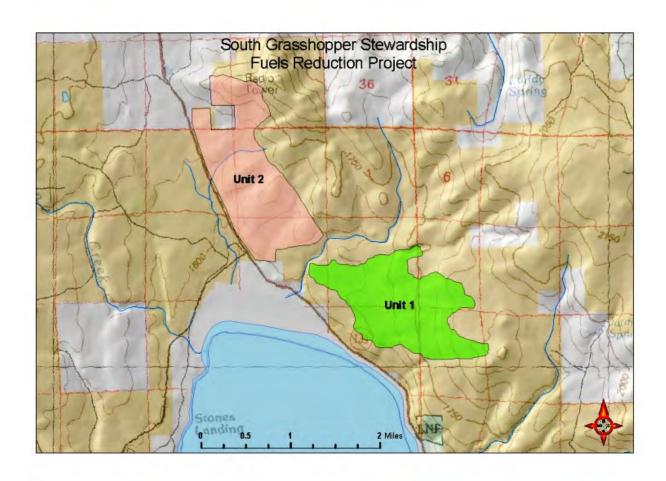
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1813

Agency or Agencies: BLM Eagle Lake F.O.

Project Name: South Grasshopper Stewardship

Project Coordinates: N40.7298 W120.6770

Summary of Project: Using Stewardship Contracting Authority, thin 1815 acres using a combination of mechanical and prescribed fire treatments to reduce high densities of western juniper. The main objective is to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires and restore the project area to a more healthy and productive plant community. Most of the material will be chipped and removed to be utilized as biomass for electricity production in local Co-Generation Plants. Completed (2010): 1,000 acres of mechanical thinning and biomass utilization, 65 acres of handthinning/pile construction. Completed (2011): 35 acres of handthinning/pile construction. Accomplished (2012): 80 acres of handthinning/pile construction and burning. Planned (2013): 450 acres of mechanical thinning.



WUI Area: Campbell Management Area Funding: Funded

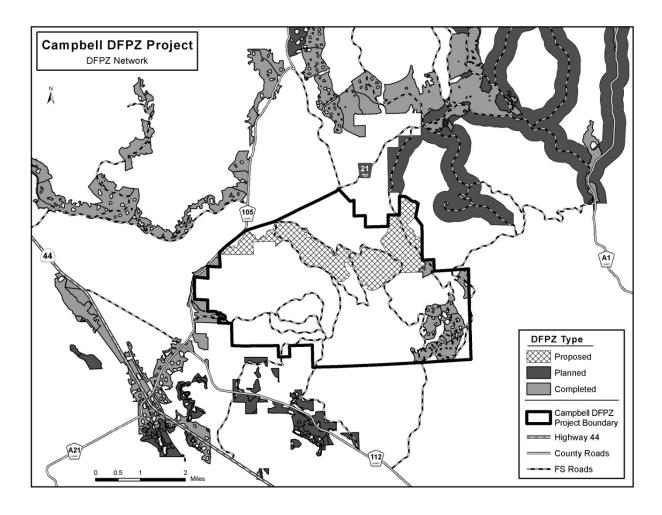
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 3541

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Campbell DFPZ

Project Coordinates: N40. 37.33 W121.45

Summary of Project: The Eagle Lake Ranger District is proposing the construction of DFPZs (defensible fuel profile zone). Treatments will include mechanical thinning, biomass removal, hand thinning, and underburning. The objectives of the project are to reduce surface, ladder, and canopy fuels. Project implementation could begin in 2013-2014.



WUI Area: Cambell Management Area Funding: Funded

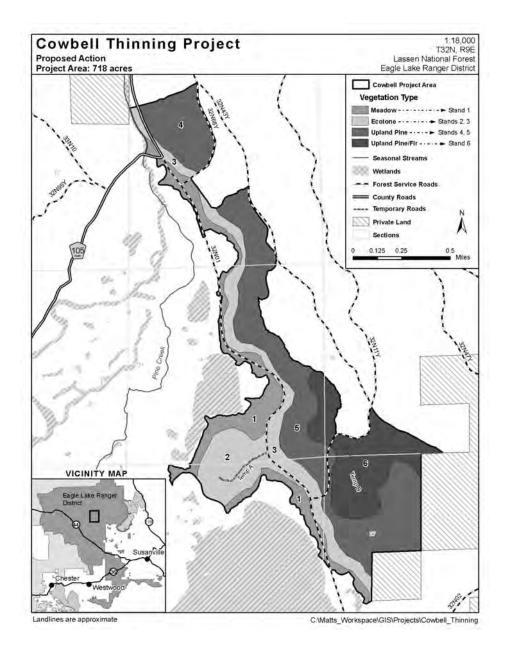
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 718

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Cowbell Thinning Project

Project Coordinates: 40.62124 120.96823

Summary of Project: Cowbell DFPZ (Defensible Fuel Profile Zone) project was sold in 2011. Treatments will include mechanical thinning, biomass removal, hand thinning, and underburning. The objectives of the project are to reduce surface, ladder, and canopy fuels.



WUI Area: Diamond Management Area Funding: Funded

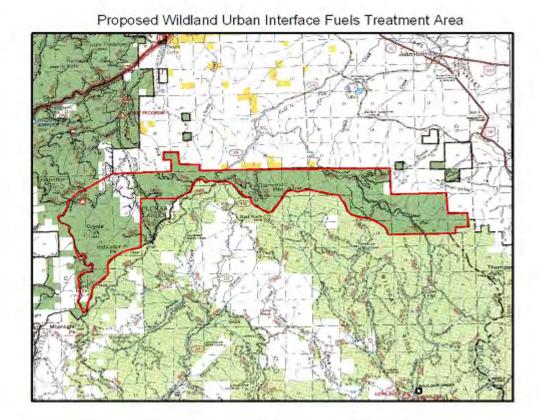
2013 Planning Number of Acres:

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Diamond Project

Project Coordinates: N40.3125 W120.6833

Summary of Project: The Eagle Lake RD is proposing to create DFPZ's on FS lands to provide protection from wildfire around or near the communities of Susanville, Janesville and out lying residences in the proximity of Forest Service lands in the Diamond Moutain Area. Development of proposed action is progress. The project could get split into two separate projects, Diamond East and Diamond West. Proposed project objectives are to reduce surface, ladder, and canopy fuels.



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WUI Area: Harvey Management Area Funding: Funded

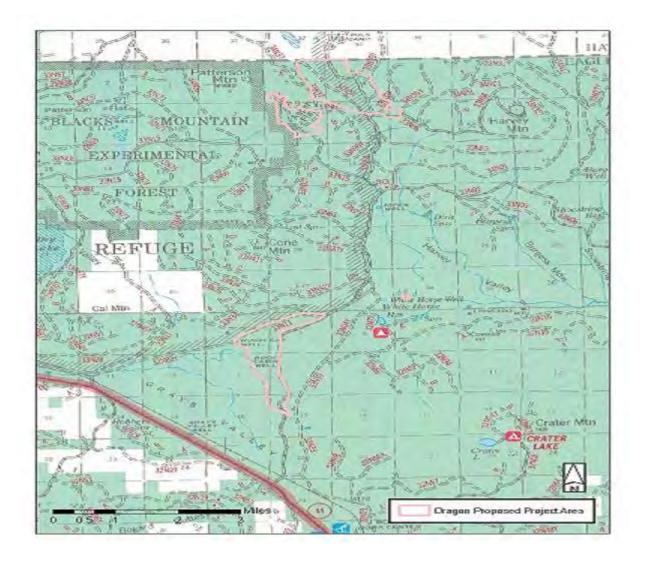
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 1700

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Dragon Project

Project Coordinates: N40.45 W121.07.20

Summary of Project: The Dragon Project will propose to create a DFPZ, but also includes aspen enhancement, area thinning, and underburning. The project is in the planning stage, with the proposed action being completed this spring.



WUI Area: Harvey Management Area Funding: Funded

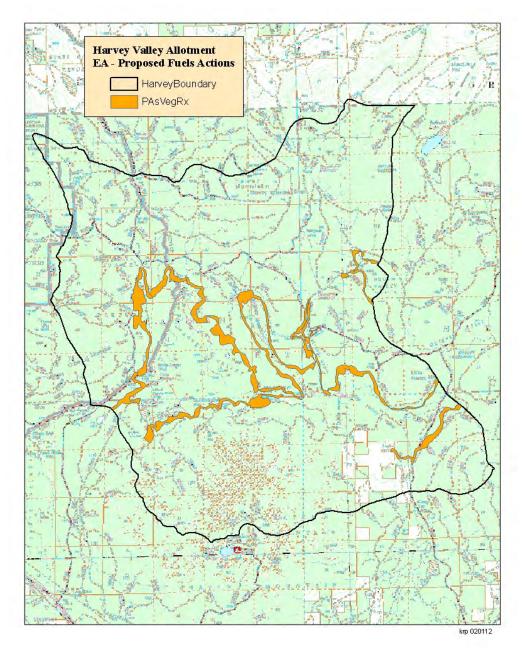
2013 Planning Number of Acres: 1280

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Harvey Valley Allotment

Project Coordinates: N40.45.35 W121.00

Summary of Project: Grazing Allotment EA, which includes proposals to thin encroaching conifers along meadow edges, pile burn, and underburn across meadows where possible.



WUI Area: Cone Management Area Funding: Funded

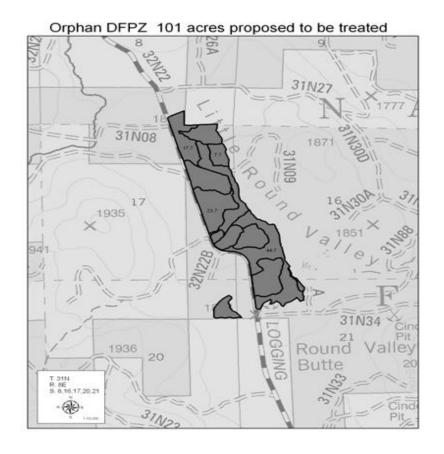
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 212

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Orphan DFPZ STWD

Project Coordinates: N40.54873 W121.10482

Summary of Project: Orphan DFPZ STWD was sold in 2011. Treatment would include biomass removal and thinning. Subsequent treatment would include prescribed burning of the activity generated fuels. The project should be completed by December of this year (2013).



WUI Area: Grays Management Area Funding: Funded

2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 990

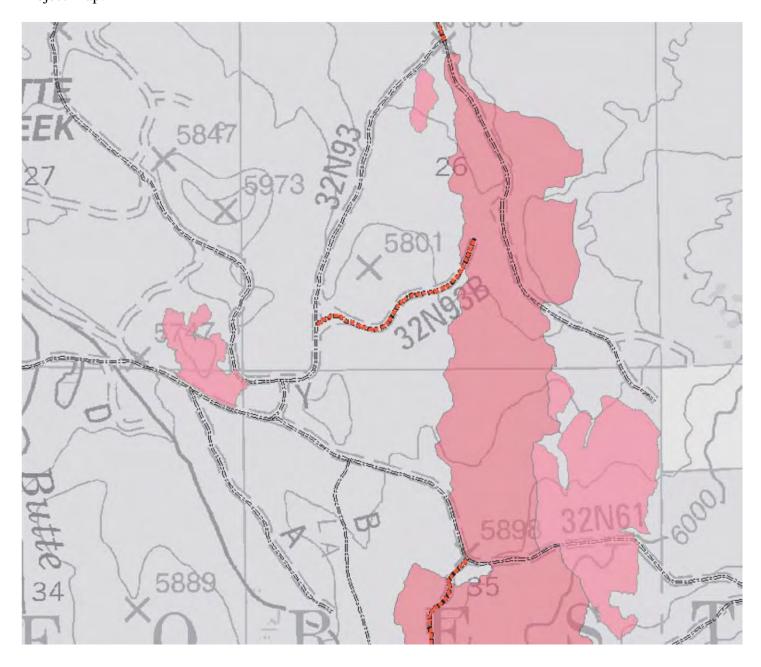
Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Pole Spring Plantaion Mastication

Project Coordinates: N40.6066 W121.6833

Summary of Project: Pole Spring project implementation started in 2011. Hand thinning of small diameter

trees was completed. Mastication of material and brush will continue in 2013.



WUI Area: McCoy Management area Funding: Funded

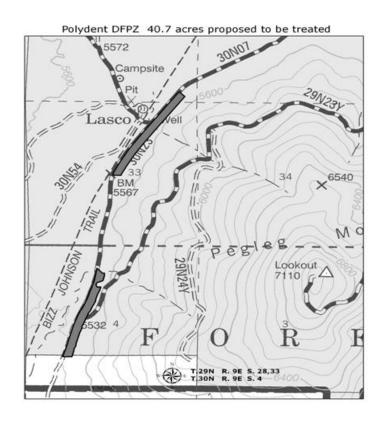
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 41

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Polydent DFPZ STWD

Project Coordinates: N40.43172 W120.95658

Summary of Project: The Polydent DFPZ STWD project was sold in 2011. Proposed treatments would include biomass removal and mechanincal thinning. Subsequent treatment would include prescribed burning of the activity generated fuels. The project should be completed by December of this year (2013).



WUI Area: McCoy Management Area Funding: Funded

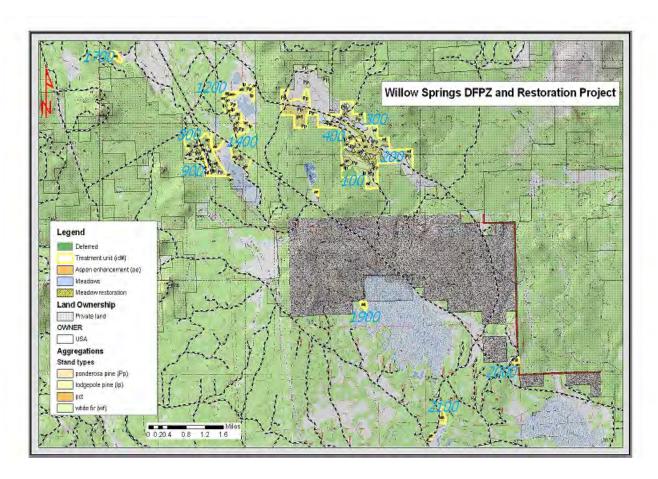
2013 Implementation Number of Acres: 1233

Agency or Agencies: USFS

Project Name: Willow Springs DFPZ and Restoration Project

Project Coordinates: N40.46095 W120.91866

Summary of Project: The Willow Springs DFPZ and Restoration project was sold in 2011 and implentation began in 2012. Treatments will include mechanical thinning, biomass removal, hand thinning, and underburning. The objectives of the project are to reduce surface, ladder, and canopy fuels.



WUI Area: Ash Valley WUI & DFPZ Funding: Planning/Not Funded

2013 Planning Number of Acres: 5000

Agency or Agencies: USFS, Modoc NF

Project Name: Ash Vegetation Treatment

Project Coordinates: N 41.15594 W 120.8166

Summary of Project: The Ash Vegetation Treatment project will implement thinning and underburning of timber stands to reduce the susceptibility of western pine beetle and mountain pine beetle attacks; improve forest health and wildlife habitat; and reduce the risks of large scale catastrophic wildfires to forest and private land. 75 acres out of 1,000 of Juniper removal and pile burning has been completed. A request for funding was summited for completion of the Juniper removal and pile burning. The 4,000 acer timber sale is planned to be awarded in 2013.

