



Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

Parashant Partnership Workshop

Landscape Conservation Forecasting
Black Rock Site Clean-Up

October 2012

The **Parashant Partnership** covered a lot of ground at its three-day workshop in October, beginning with partner and program updates and an introduction to Landscape Conservation Forecasting (LCF) on the first day, then working together in the field on the second, and engaging in discussion and decisions on the closing day. The group found that while there are true restoration needs, there are also ecosystems—such as interior chaparral—that are still functioning normally. The large spaces and near lack of WUI in the landscape means that fires still work through this vegetation. The group decided to proceed with the LCF process for five natural communities in the Black Rock portion of the GCPNM—big sage shrubland, black-brush Mormon tea shrubland, pinyon-juniper woodland, interior chaparral and ponderosa pine. They also came to the understanding that

while LCF will get at some important ecological goals, there are other planning needs for the Parashant, including mapping invasives and planning for protection of cultural values. Three committees—Steering, Technical and Workshop Planning—were formed, and plans are being made to reconvene in the spring.

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The field portion of this workshop included a work day, where participants worked together to clear debris from the Black Rock site, seen here before, during and after their work

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