



Fire Learning Network Notes from the Field

May 2011

California Klamath-Siskiyou FLN East Bay Area, CA Northern California Prescribed Fire Council Workshop

The Northern California Prescribed Fire Council held a workshop May 12-13, 2011. The Council was founded by the California Klamath-Siskiyou FLN and numerous other partners, and meets twice a year to provide networking opportunities for practitioners and discuss issues relevant to prescribed burning. The CKS FLN supported this workshop, in which 45 people from 24 organizations and agencies participated.

On the first day of the workshop, representatives from federal, state, county and community organizations that deal with wildland fire issues attended a field trip where they visited two parks where controlled burns are used. Practitioners here balance mitigating smoke impacts to the local residents around the park while still burning and reducing hazardous fuel loads and maintaining coastal prairies.

In addition to the field trip, the Prescribed Fire Council met for an additional day at Tilden Park near Berkeley. The goal of this meeting was to provide current information on current issues affecting fire management and prescribed fire planning—including climate



Field tour at Point Pinole Regional Park, May 12, 2011. Though this park is centrally located in the heavily populated Bay Area, East Bay Regional Park District fire management staff complete research and management burns here every year.

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change, sudden oak death and ecosystem services—and to provide peer review and feedback to ensure that the needs of the prescribed fire community are met through the efforts of the nascent California Fire Science Delivery Consortium.

The next workshop will be held in early November in Humboldt County. To join the mailing list to receive updates, email Lenya at nwcapfc@gmail.com.



Northern California
Prescribed Fire Council

The Northern California Prescribed Fire Council is a venue for practitioners, state and federal agencies, academic institutions, tribes, coalitions, and interested individuals to work collaboratively to promote, protect, conserve, and expand the responsible use of prescribed fire in Northern California's fire-adapted landscape.

The workshop was hosted by the **East Bay Regional Park District**, which manages 110,000 acres of open space in the communities along the east shore of San Francisco Bay. Since the 1991 Oakland Hills fire, which killed 25 people, injured 150 others, destroyed 4,000 homes and had an estimated cost of \$1.5 billion, Bay Parks has been actively reducing fuel loading and maintaining coastal prairies with prescribed fire. Partnering with neighboring fire departments, the Park District's fire department is able to mobilize the 10 trucks and 45 firefighters necessary to conduct these controlled burns in this urban setting.

www.ebparks.org

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The new bumper stickers produced by the Council were distributed at the workshop



Participating Agencies & Organizations

CAL FIRE

California Fire Safe Council, Quincy Library Group

East Bay Regional Park District

Firestorm WFS

Go Wild Consulting

Hills Emergency Forum

Humboldt State University

Karuk Tribe

Klamath-Salmon Media Collaborative

Mendocino County Fire Safe Council

Mendocino Redwood Company

National Park Service

Northern California Prescribed Fire Council

Santa Lucia Conservancy

Sierra Forest Legacy

Sierra Nevada Fire Science Delivery Consortium

The Nature Conservancy

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Cooperative Extension

University of San Francisco, Spatial Informatics Group

USDA Forest Service, Mendocino National Forest

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station

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