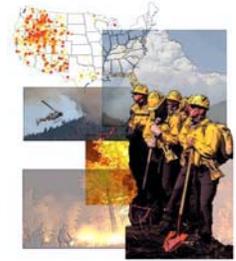


National Fire Plan

Lassen Creek Stream Restoration



California - Restoration and rehabilitation of forests and rangelands due to wildland fire effects are key elements of the National Fire Plan. Because the restoration of landscapes and watersheds damaged by wildland fires is important for ecosystem health on public lands, Congress funded these efforts through the National Fire Plan.



The Lassen Creek project in the Modoc National Forest in Susanville, Calif. is part of the Upper Pit River Watershed Restoration Project, one of the 14 large-scale watershed projects across the country. National Fire Plan funding is used to rehabilitate and restore the Upper Pit Watershed. Restoration involves closely matching historical or pre-fire ecosystem structure, function, diversity, and dynamics. In addition, projects focus on restoring watershed function, including protection of basic soil, water resources, and biological communities as well as prevention of invasive species. While biological rehabilitation emphasizes planting native grasses, forbs, shrubs, and trees, use of non-native species is occasionally necessary to ensure that site stability and competition against non-natives are accomplished. The photos were taken at a stream restoration work site on Lassen Creek.

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