La Porte Pines Project Report Summary

RAC agreed to fund the 75 acre La Porte pines project in June of 2006. The project was to basically masticate most of the brush in the ski hill adjacent to the La Porte Pines Community.

Property line surveys showed that about 5 acres of the project was on private & the other 70 on public lands. In August of 2006 PC FSC agreed to take on the private land acres of hand thinning and chipping or burning for $2,300, as USFS employees couldn’t work on private land projects.

A Decision Memo was signed in the summer of 2007 by the District Ranger.

A landowner agreement between Plumas Corporation (PC FSC’s fiscal sponsor) and the La Porte Pines Homeowners Association was signed in 2007, to allow treatment to occur on their common area properties (5 acres).

Due to a lack of funds for hiring a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) to prepare the project, the Council Coordinator, with USFS fuels management experience, flagged the project & prepared a prospectus in June 2009.

American Valley Tree Service was the selected contractor, and awarded the contract to hand thin and chip or pile & bun the project in August of 2009.

Hand thinning was completed in September 2009, and 3 of the 5 acres were chipped, with the remaining steeper ground piled for burning.

Due to access problems, weather conditions and contractor workload, the piles were not burned until December 2011, at which time the project treatments were considered completed.

Quarterly Reporting Summary (Since June 30, 2010):

July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010 – No Action - Fire Season No burning allowed.

September 2010 – December 31, 2010 - No Action due to access problems, weather conditions and contractor workload the p
**January 1, 2011-April 30, 2011** – No Action - Waiting to be able to access the project (Snow on roads) and good weather to burn piles.

**May 1, 2011- June 30, 2011** – No Action – Other larger projects with narrow burning windows prevented the contractor from burning on this project.

**July 1, 2011 – September 30, 2011** – Fire Season No burning allowed.

**September 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011** – Project burning Complete.

**January 1, 2012 – April 30, 2012** – Closeout reporting & Financials being completed.