Plumas Eureka Fuels Reduction Project

Plumas NF, Beckwourth RD
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Project Overview

- Reduce wildfire hazard on USFS land adjacent to Plumas Eureka Estates
- Partnership between USFS, Plumas County Fire Safe Council, and Plumas Eureka VFD
- Project proposed by Plumas Fire Safe Council, and proposed to USFS by Plumas Resource Advisory Council (the RAC)
Project Goals

• Reduce surface and ladder fuels on 41 acres of FS land adjacent to Plumas Eureka Estates (within defense zone)
• Resulting flame lengths would be 2-3 feet to enable firefighters to safely engage a wildfire encroaching on the area
• Protect riparian areas and archeological sites
Treatment Methods

- Hand thin ladder fuels up to 8”, limb larger trees
- Hand pile ladder fuels as well as existing dead and down surface fuels
- Cut snags up to 12” DBH (safety)
- Retain large logs
- Burn hand piles in wet season
• Plumas Engines 11 and 12 have been working on the project since late summer 2003
• Will be approximately half-complete by winter, expected completion early summer ’04
After...
Additional Benefits

- Project is being used as a monitoring site by Plumas Fire Safe Council
- Serves as a demonstration project for other communities
- Ties into homeowner consultation done earlier by Plumas Eureka VFD
- Homeowners get firewood!
Plot 8.1 350 Before/After
Plot 10.3 176 Before/After
Plumas Eureka C Before/After
Thank you.
Any questions?