



Fire Learning Networks, Landscapes, and Communities: Successful Models in Northern California

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Cooperative Burning: Trinity County

- Over last 8 years, WRTC and partners have developed a cooperative burning program that spans the county
- Work is focused around CWPP, prioritizing key parcels ranging from north of Trinity Lake to Weaverville, Hayfork, and into Southern Trinity



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- Building interagency relationships, partnerships and formal agreements has been critical for success.
- WRTC has agreements/partnerships with:
 - 3 volunteer fire departments
 - Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers NFs (for sharing crews and burning on both public and private lands)
 - CAL FIRE (for VMP burning, permitting, and standby fire protection on LE-7 permitted burns)
 - BLM collaborates where projects align



Cooperative Burning: Trinity County

- WRTC works with landowners and prepares burn plans, TNC provides technical review, and Firestorm generally leads burns on private parcels, providing both qualified burn boss, insurance and crews.
- Over the last year, WRTC has red-carded 12 employees and brought in the Trinity County RCD with six of their crewmembers.
- WRTC has ~2000 acres under approved burn plans and has implemented on about 200-300 acres/year in the WUI over the last 5 years.



Cooperative Burning: Humboldt County



- Oak woodland management has become rallying point for landowners interested in burning
- \$2.68 million grant through NRCS includes VMP burning, but interest exceeds agency capacity
- Starting to look at models from other regions—how can we boost private landowners' capacity for Rx fire?







Cooperative Burning: Humboldt County

Next steps:

- Small grassland training burn on Hunt Ranch in June
- Close collaboration with CAL FIRE!
- Raising funds for a burn trailer
- Forming CA's first Prescribed Burn Association?



