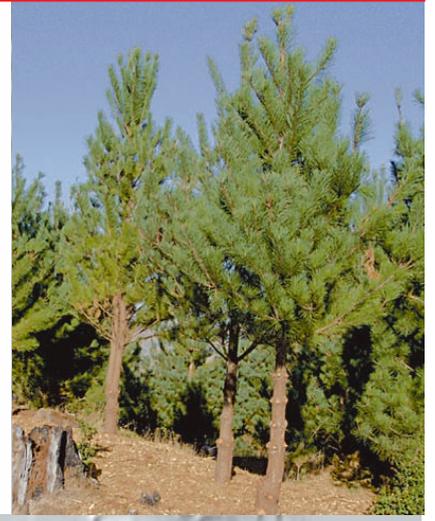




The Wildland-Urban Interface Initiative (WUII) was authorized by Congress in 2001 in conjunction with the National Fire Plan. It provides funding to reduce hazardous fuels on federal lands and to assist communities with wildland fire protection. WUII funding is allocated through both the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. Projects in Marin have received funding through the National Park Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, two agencies in the Department of the Interior. Elsewhere, WUII funds are also administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the U.S. Forest Service.

The National Fire Plan at work.



Roadside fuel treatment showing limbing of lower branches to separate ground fuels from the tree canopy. The burned stump in the foreground is from the 1995 Vision Fire. (See #13)



Removal of non-native Monterey pines. (See #23)

Fire needs three things to keep burning; oxygen, heat, and fuel. Removing fuel is a basic firefighting strategy.

“These projects are part of a comprehensive plan to treat interface lands from Sausalito to Inverness.”

Ken Massucco, Chief
Marin County Fire Department

“Every treatment is different, but they all create some kind of defensible space in a systematic way.”

Don Neubacher, Superintendent
Point Reyes National Seashore