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An engine crew from Skywalker Ranch assisted with a prescribed fire along Limantour Road in October 2005. NPS Photo. Thank you to the many partners from local, state, and federal agencies, as well as neighboring organizations, who help the park reduce hazardous fuels and improve ecosystem health.



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## For More Information

Please call (415) 464-5133 if you have questions or comments about the Seashore's fire management program.

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### E-mail Updates

If you would like to receive e-mail updates when burn days have been confirmed, please send your e-mail address to: Jennifer\_Chapman@nps.gov

### Point Reyes National Seashore Fire Management Web Pages

Information about prescribed burns, mechanical fuel treatments, and fire ecology at Point Reyes can be found on the park website.

[www.nps.gov/pore/fire](http://www.nps.gov/pore/fire)

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### 2006 FUELS PROJECTS

#### Inverness Ridge

Point Reyes Hill - 30 acres

#### Limantour

Limantour (Unit C) - 40 acres

#### Highway One

Hwy One Eucalyptus Removal - 60 acres

Hwy One Mowing - 125 acres

Lime Kiln - 15 acres

Hagmaier - 60 acres

#### Bolinas Ridge

Bolinas Ridge (Phase 1) - 54 acres

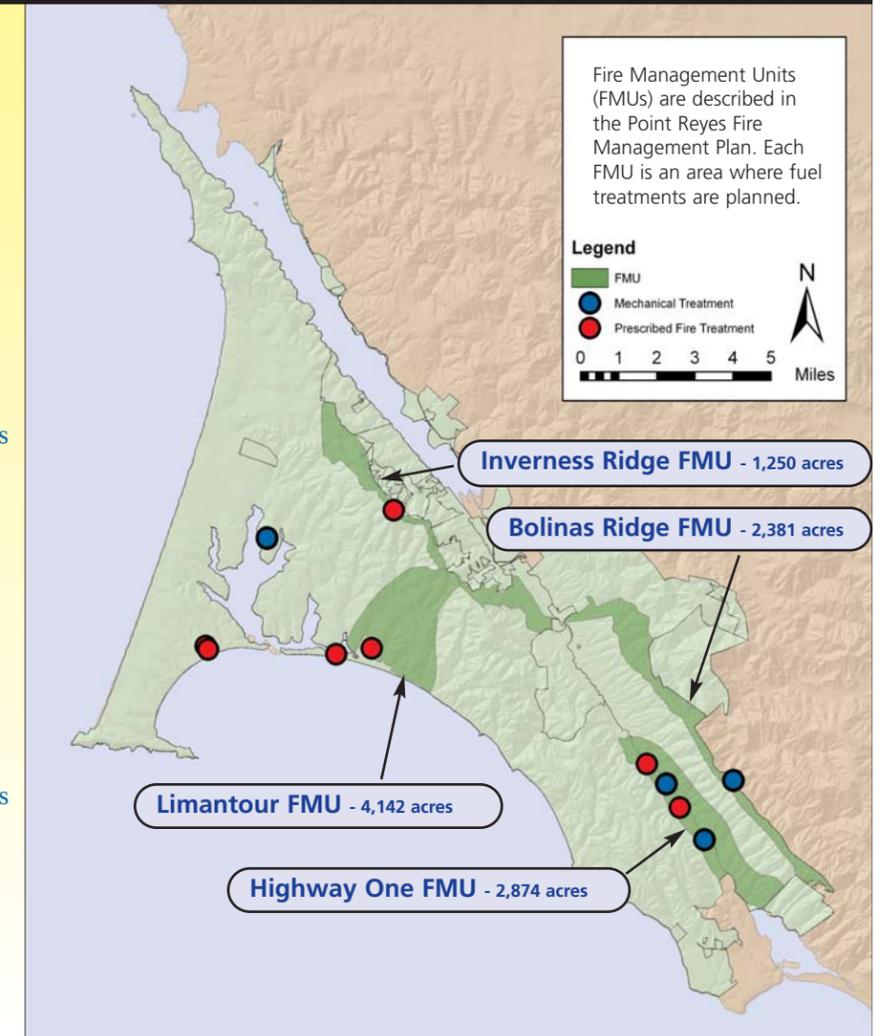
#### Other projects

Limantour Spit - 5 acres

Drakes Beach - 60 acres

North District Non-native Plant Biomass Removal - 125 acres

- - Prescribed Fire Treatment
- - Mechanical Treatment



## Work on Park Fuelbreaks Continues



Small diameter eucalyptus is being removed along Highway One.



Coyote brush and grass is being burned along Limantour Road.

## Fuel Treatments at Point Reyes

### Bolinas Ridge Fuelbreak, rare plants and strategic location

The Point Reyes Fuels Crew will be working on Phase 1 of the Bolinas Ridge Fuelbreak, to improve the fire road as a fire control line. The crew will thin brush and understory vegetation on the west side of the ridge 30 to 80 feet from the road for a distance of approximately 5 miles. The project will extend along the ridge from Randall Trail to Bolinas-Fairfax Road. This year, the section from Randall Trail to McCurdy Trail will be treated. The Bolinas Ridge Fuelbreak will help firefighters manage a wildfire moving upslope from Highway One or across Marin Municipal Water District lands. Fire east of the ridge could threaten the Kent Lake watershed and homes in the San Geronimo Valley.

This treatment will be done on extremely steep slopes in mixed Douglas-fir / coast redwood forest and dense maritime chaparral. Surveys for several rare plants are being conducted in conjunction with the project. Marin mazanita, Mason's ceanothus, and glory brush ceanothus are chaparral species, unique to West Marin, which are thought to depend on fire for regeneration. Heat and chemical compounds found in smoke or charcoal have proven to stimulate germination in many rare chaparral species. The rare plants on Bolinas Ridge will be tagged, and thinning will be done around them. Monitoring will determine if new seedlings also grow in response to thinning.



#### Limantour Fuel Reduction

Multiple treatments are planned along **Limantour Road** including a series of small burns in coyote brush and mechanical thinning in Bishop pine.

Located in the center of the Seashore, the Limantour treatments will help firefighters keep fire contained to either side of the park.

Different areas will be treated each year.



#### Highway One Fuel Reduction

**Eucalyptus removal** is being done in the the 13 Curves area on both sides of Highway One.

The **Lime Kiln** and **Hagmaier** prescribed burns will also reduce fuel along this busy traffic corridor.

In addition to reducing fuel, prescribed fire and eucalyptus removal help improve conditions for native species in the Olema Valley.



#### Inverness Ridge Fuel Reduction

A small burn on **Point Reyes Hill** this year will thin dense stands of coyote brush along Mount Vision Road.

Other fuel reduction efforts on Inverness Ridge include treatment along the Bayview Fire Road and Inverness Ridge Trail.

These treatments will improve emergency access for firefighters if a wildfire threatens Inverness Ridge.



#### Other projects

**Limantour Spit** will be burned to enhance snowy plover habitat by reducing non-native European beach grass. This grass impacts natural dune processes.

**Drakes Beach** will be burned to remove non-native Italian rye grass, and promote native grasses such as California brome.

Non-native Scotch broom will be mowed and hand cut in the **North District** near the **Estero**.

## Community Fire Education Questionnaire

Point Reyes National Seashore works with a variety of partners to develop fire education programs and materials. In order to best serve the communities of West Marin, the following questionnaire has been developed. Your input would be greatly appreciated. Please rank the following topics from 1 to 5, with 1 = most interest, and 5 = least interest.



#### \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Management

Current techniques, strategies, equipment, and policies for fire suppression and prescribed fire. Includes engines, handcrews, bulldozers, airtankers, ignition devices, fire retardant and control lines.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Fuels Management

Vegetation management strategies to reduce wildland fire hazards by creating fuelbreaks and defensible space around homes and communities to increase fire protection.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Ecology

How plants and animals respond to fire events in the landscape. Includes vegetation succession, biological adaptations, and physical changes in the ecosystem.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Fire History

Past fire events, their causes, sizes, and locations. Includes what is known about accidental human-caused fires, arson, lightning-caused fire, and Native American use of fire as a resource management tool in the local area.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ Firewise Building Construction

Materials for roofing, siding, patios, decking, and other design features which increase fire resistance of structures.

Other comments or interests (with rank if applicable):

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Please mail this page to the address below or drop it off at the Bear Valley Visitor Center. If you would prefer an electronic questionnaire, send an email to Jennifer\_Chapman@nps.gov. Thank you!

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