

Fire Management and Communications

Fire Management had another successful year of wildland fire suppression, hazardous fuels management and interagency wildland fire support.

Two (2) statistical wildfires occurred at Point Reyes National Seashore and one on Golden Gate National Recreation Area lands administered by the Seashore. The largest, the Shoreline Fire, was 6 acres in size and began by arching electrical wires near the Dogtown Area. A large and rapid multi-agency response of local volunteer, county and Seashore fire personnel prevented the fire from creating additional problems in the Olema Valley.

The 5-person Hazardous Fuels Removal Crew spent the majority of the fire season in-park thinning dense eucalyptus stands in the Palomarin Trailhead area. Other projects included annual vegetation abatement around park residences and maintaining vegetation clearance adjacent to the Bayview Trail Evacuation Route. Along with personnel from Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP the crew was assigned to a 24,000 acre backcountry fire on the Lolo National Forest in Montana during the month of August for 2 weeks.

Our Type 3 wildland engine crew spent back to back assignments late July to mid-August assisting the US Forest Service in Northern California and on the Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho.

The Seashore Fire Management Officer and Fire Planner were largely responsible for completing the Pinnacles National Monument Fire Management Plan (FMP).

Additionally, 315 acres of hazardous fuels were treated by thinning, chipping, piling and mowing. The Seashore also continued the community brush dropp-off program and installed the Vision Fire exhibit panel in the Bayview parking area off of Limantour Road.



Before (above) and after (left) views of eucalyptus thinning near Palomarin Trailhead



Exhibit on Vision Fire at Bayview Trailhead