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*Restoring, Enhancing, and Sustaining Forests in California, Hawaii & the Pacific Islands*

## Plumas National Forest - Mt. Hough RD

### Plumas Unified School District/Lassen & Plumas National Forests Storrie Fire Restoration Agreement: *Inspiring stewardship through collaboration, education, and restoration*

#### All in a Day's Work

Students from Plumas Unified School District helped Plumas NF Silviculturists plant mixed conifer seedlings in the Storrie Fire Restoration and overlapping Chips Fire areas. Students from Chester and Quincy Junior High School Natural Resource classes planted Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, and Incense cedar. The students planted on ridge tops with spectacular views of the Feather River Canyon. The seedling planting was part of an effort to reforest the fire area and help stabilize the surrounding hillsides. From the vantage points they saw both fire areas and where they overlapped, with additional discussion about fire ecology and restoration.

Projects are carefully planned for ecological/fire restoration, age- and grade-appropriateness, and tie to the California State Curriculum and Content Standards. Collaboration provides the opportunity for the Lassen and Plumas National Forests to restore the area and for PUSD to educate students with a hands-on, placed-based approach to learning.

#### Objectives:

- Provide students with marketable natural resource skills.
- Student participation in design of recreation features and products.
- Provide opportunities for integration of curriculum.
- Teacher learning about natural resource topics.
- Build new relationships and enhance partnerships already in place.



Jr. High students planting seedlings



Students hiking a hill for planting

#### Connection to Storrie Settlement:

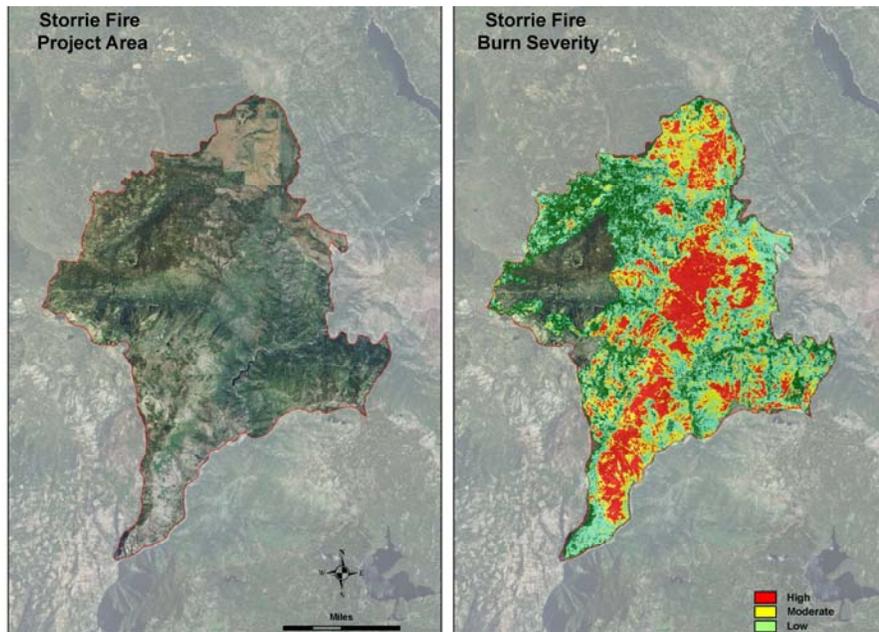
Students help restore natural and recreation resources and landscape

#### Funding:

Storrie Fire Settlement: initial \$535,602 for multi-year partnership agreement (all projects)

#### Next Steps:

- Expand opportunities to additional classes
- Continue curriculum development
- Website development
- Community partnerships
- Additional student employment



Vicinity map of Storrie Fire area



Planting in the brush



Seedling planting to stabilize the hillside

For more information on the Storrie Fire Restoration Projects, visit: [www.fs.usda.gov/plumas](http://www.fs.usda.gov/plumas), then scroll to "Features," and "Storrie Fire Restoration Project." For more information on this project, contact: **Dave Kinateder (530) 283-7676**, [dkinateder@fs.fed.us](mailto:dkinateder@fs.fed.us); **Michele Jimenez-Holtz (530) 283-7643**, [mjimenezholtz@fs.fed.us](mailto:mjimenezholtz@fs.fed.us); or **Rob Wade (530) 283-6500 x257** or [rwade@pcoe.k12.ca.us](mailto:rwade@pcoe.k12.ca.us)

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