



Rim Fire Recovery



Another Key Stakeholder's Recovery Work

Since the ground cooled, United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has been out in the Rim Fire area assisting private landowners with technical and possible future financial assistance. NRCS has also had technical specialists in the field evaluating possible emergency watershed program opportunities.

NRCS had a special fire recovery initiative as part of their Environmental Quality Incentives Program sign up. Twenty private landowners applied for this program, which is a financial assistance program to install best management practices. The practices that were applied for varied from site preparation and seedling planting to rebuilding of fences burned by the fire. Total current requests for cost share from this program is in excess of \$550,000. Due to signing of the farm bill NRCS has not obligated any money but hopes to determine funding by mid-May.

NRCS has also been in the field assisting the Farm Service Agency with evaluations for their Emergency Conservation Program. NRCS personnel have spent in excess of 400 hours offering technical assistance to the Rim Fire Burned Area private landowners. "Rim Fire recovery work gives us an opportunity to help landowners restore and even improve function on their property damaged by the fire. People can always call on us and we will help in any way we can," said Amy Rocha, District Conservationist for Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties.



NRCS personnel conducting field work

Find additional information on the NRCS at this link:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ca/home/>

Find information on the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District here:

<http://www.tcrd.org/>