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Sonora, California (April 30, 2014)...The Stanislaus National Forest (STF)

is ramping up programs to coordinate volunteers and partnerships with Rim Fire recovery projects. Due to an outpouring of community interest in helping with recovery efforts, the STF has established a Partnerships and Volunteer Coordinator to work with all aspects of the Rim Fire Recovery Project, which is expected to require years to complete.



Clare Long is the STF's new Partnerships and Volunteer Coordinator. She came to the STF from the White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire, where she served as a Conservation Education Specialist. She has been actively involved in the field of environmental interpretation and education for over 25 years. She develops natural and cultural history education and interpretation programs, designs and

instructs workshops and special events, and manages staff and resources in front and backcountry facilities. Clare holds a BS in Elementary Education and an MS in Environmental Studies Communication and Administration.

"I am excited to have this opportunity to work with such a well-informed and engaged community," Long said. "There are so many ways we can all work together on this huge recovery mission. I like helping people connect on their public lands. The Rim Fire happened to all of us, not just the Forest Service. It will take us all to get the restoration work done."

For more information on Rim Recovery volunteer and partnership opportunities, call (209) 213-1065 or email rimconnections@gmail.com.

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