



US Forest Service Rim Fire Recovery Weekly Update

Date: June 6, 2014

General Background:

- The Rim Fire started in August 2013 and eventually burned 257,314 acres, including 154,530 acres on the Stanislaus National Forest. Burned Area Emergency Response work to address immediate hazards has been completed with the exception of storm patrol and monitoring.
- The Stanislaus National Forest produced:
 1. An environmental assessment (EA) for hazard tree removal along 194 miles of high use Forest Service roads, administrative and recreation facilities, and areas adjacent to private infrastructure. The EA includes 10,315 acres of NFS lands, of which 8,986 acres are along roads. The Rim HT EA Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact were signed on April 25, 2014. Implementing contracts for this project have been awarded.
 2. An environmental impact statement (EIS) regarding salvage and restoration proposing to perishable economic commodity value of the fire killed trees through timber salvage. The draft EIS proposes activities on 44,461 acres of NFS lands, of which 16,315 acres are along roads. The Draft EIS 30-day public comment period started on May 16, 2014 and ends June 16, 2014. The draft EIS is available online at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43033. A decision is scheduled for August 2014.

Update for the week of June 3, 2014

- The Associate Deputy Chief of the US Forest Service will be visiting Stanislaus National Forest on June 16th for a brief visit and field trip.
- The National Forest Foundation met with Rim Fire Recovery staff to identify how they can help with recovery of the burned area.
- Audubon magazine sent a feature writer to the Forest to pen an article on bird populations in burned areas. Her article should be available this summer.



Rim Fire Recovery Volunteer Project

Volunteers assisted Mi-Wok District Botanist, Rim Partnerships & Rim Collaboration, and others to pull invasive weeds, over the Memorial Day weekend.

Want to volunteer?

Contact rimconnections@gmail.com

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