

# Whiskeytown

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## Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Fuels Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2003



Whiskeytown Fire Management had a successful and productive fiscal year in fuels management treating 1832 acres. Working with our partners we completed many projects that continue to support our commitment to reduce hazardous fuels in the Wildland Urban Interface to protect the park and communities.

### HAZARDOUS FUEL ACCOMPLISHMENTS FY03

TREATMENT	TYPE	Acres
Contract Fuel Reduction	Thinning	319
Prescribed Fire	Broadcast Burn	1205
Pile Burning	Hand Pile Burn	170
Shaded Fuelbreaks	Thinning	138

TOTAL 1832 acres



Panther Gap prescribed burn as seen from HWY 299 west.

### PRESCRIBED FIRE

Whiskeytown accomplished two significant prescribed burns in the park along our southern and eastern boundaries for a total of 1205 acres. The Panther Gap prescribed burn was completed in the fall of 2002 for a total of 314 acres and the Shasta Divide prescribed burn was completed in May 2003 for a total of 891 acres. Both burns are part of an interagency program to help reduce the threat of wildfire to our park neighbors.



Redding Smoke Jumpers and Whiskeytown fire employees prepare to ignite on the Shasta Divide prescribed burn.



The Shasta Divide Burn will help reduce the threat of catastrophic fire to nearby communities.



## CONTRACT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECTS



Firestorm, a local contract crew, cut, stacked and burned piles on the Kanaka fuelbreak during the spring and summer.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, California Conservation Corps, Redding Smoke Jumpers and local contract crews all contribute to reducing hazardous fuels in Whiskeytown. One of the major accomplishments this year was the Kanaka shaded fuelbreak. This fuelbreak was 205 acres and located near the southern boundary. This fuelbreak will help to protect the park and nearby communities from catastrophic wildfire.



The California Conservation Corps helps Whiskeytown with chipping projects on park roads.

## PILE BURNING

Hazardous fuels generated from shaded fuelbreak construction and defensible space clearing are piled and burned under prescription conditions. Pile burning is also used when chipping is not possible, due to road access or steep terrain.



Whiskeytown Fire Use Module members help with fuels projects during the winter.

## SHADED FUELBREAKS

Shaded fuelbreaks are considered critical to Whiskeytown's Wildland Urban Interface projects because of the closeness of nearby communities that surround the park.

Handcrews from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention, the California Conservation Corps and Firestorm made significant progress on the South Shore Drive shaded fuelbreak this fiscal year.



Crews spent the summer cutting, stacking and chipping brush 50 to 100 feet on both sides of the road.