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NATURAL RESOURCES IN ACTION  
An Annual Summary of the Renewable Resources  
Extension Act in California



*Fighting a Wildfire*



The California Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) program is administered by the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Our program takes the limited federal funds allocated annually by Congress under a set formula, to implement a competitive grants program.

In fiscal year October 1, 2005-September 30, 2006, we received \$124,880 to support two student interns and 14 proposals. These proposals included national and state priority areas covering Forest Stewardship and Health, Public Policy, Range Stewardship and Health, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Invasive Species and Land Conservation. Because our California program provides competitive grant support to ongoing extension outreach efforts, building on the research results of established academics, we can leverage these funds in several areas and maximize our impacts. Due to the restricted space allowed for this annual report, only a few impacts are highlighted here, but you are encouraged to visit our RREA website for full stories, including testimonials from landowners, agency partners and other clientele that benefit through these federal funds.

"Wildfire in the Foothills – Are You Prepared?" – a 6<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum developed by Advisor Glenn Nader, with the Butte County Fire Safe Council, and supported, in part, by RREA Funds.

- In depth, in-service teacher trainings delivered at two school districts.
- Over 20 people trained to deliver the curriculum to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in five, one hour lessons, supporting shared educational goals to foster fire prevention and fire safety.

Linking Structure(s) and Landscape Vegetation

- Landowner curriculum developed and delivered by Advisor Steve Quarles regarding fire safety structure in a landscape context.
- Delivered eight workshops to over 190 landowners and land managers.
- Web-based information posting of "Structure" presentation at [firecenter.berkeley.edu](http://firecenter.berkeley.edu) with over 5,000 hits.

Upgrades to Sudden Oak Death Outreach Materials

- Developed and delivered outreach materials to over 160 land owners and land managers through workshops and field trips.
- Number of direct and indirect contacts include more than 8000 website hits.
- Over 50 individual publication requests, in addition to workshops.
- Increased awareness based on evaluations correlate to decreased spread of disease.

These are only a sample of the dozens of projects RREA supports in California. Federal partnerships, like those supported through UC Cooperative Extension and RREA, continues to make a difference at the local level and expand our impacts.

Please visit our website at <http://rrea.ucanr.org>.

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