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Teaching Children about Our Forests

Watershed Recovery Project



San Diego County, CA, November 10 , 2004 The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will provide a forestry and logging educational demonstration to the children attending the Outdoor School Camp on Palomar Mountain. On Tuesday, November 16, 2004, foresters from NRCS and timber operators from McKellar Tree will talk with sixth-grade, public school students that have come from around San Diego County for a week of outdoor education in the forest.

The foresters will discuss with the children forest ecology and management, including examples of erosion control, wildlife management, and fire management. Loggers from McKellar Tree, a contractor working with the Southern California Watershed Recovery Program to remove hazardous trees in and around the camp, will also talk to students about what they do. In addition, they will provide an opportunity for students to observe their work in a nearby logging operation. Students will witness the latest technology for safely removing trees, processing trees into forest products, and installing erosion control measures.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is continually working on hazardous tree removal projects in San Diego County under their Southern California Watershed Recovery Program. Hazardous trees recently killed by fires, drought, or bark beetles are being removed free of cost to landowners in an effort to protect the life and property of San Diego County residents. Trees are also being removed to reduce fuel loads that contribute to dangerous wildfire conditions. Removed trees are used for firewood, lumber, and mulch.

More information is available on the internet at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov or <http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree> or by calling Kelly Strecker a 760-233-9507.

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