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COMPLETION OF GIRL SCOUT CAMP PROJECT ON PALOMAR MOUNTAIN



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The Girl Scout Camp on Palomar Mountain suffered severe damage due to prolonged periods of drought, becoming a fire hazard, and thus became a part of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Watershed Recovery Project. Foresters for the NRCS marked over 500 trees for removal and determined the project area to cover a span of 37 acres. NRCS contracted with Great Scott Tree Service to perform the logging and after four weeks of tree removal, brush thinning and pruning, the project is officially complete.

The NRCS, in partnership with fellow Forest Area Safety Taskforce (FAST) agencies, is helping to reduce imminent hazards to life and property by administering the Watershed Recovery Project. The Watershed Recovery Project consists of removing dead, dying and diseased trees from forests and forested neighborhoods within San Diego County.

The Girl Scout Camp project has left the entire camp “fire-safe.” Reducing fire threat to Palomar Mountain is a major goal of FAST and this project ties into a larger fire break on the Palomar Mountain. Continuing toward this goal, the United States Forest Service (USFS), our sister agency has a project planned on a neighboring parcel, “Fry Creek,” which should commence this summer. For more information on the Girl Scout Camp project or other FAST and Watershed Recovery Projects, please call 760-233-9507, ext. 105, or visit www.sdcdpw.org/tree.

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