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TREES CUT TO PROTECT JULIAN ***Fire Prevention Program To Remove More Than 213,000 Trees***

During the Cedar Fire in October 2003, San Diegans watched anxiously as firefighters saved historic Julian. Today, another group is making the mountain community safer from fires.

Loggers are felling more than 200,000 dead, dying and diseased trees in and around Julian as part of the Fire Safety and Fuels Reduction Program (FSFRP). Most of the cut wood is being recycled.

County officials and contractors will demonstrate a key part of wood recycling in Pine Hills at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 22. A huge "tub grinder" is set up at Pine Hills Road and Deer Lake Park Road to turn debris into usable wood chips. That wood is hauled from local cutting areas, off-loaded, then ground into usable material for erosion control, landscaping or for cogeneration of electricity. Other trees are taken to a nearby lumber mill where they are sawed into lumber, sent offsite to make pallets, fence boards and posts, or shipped overseas as firewood.

FSFRP is a cooperative effort between federal, state and local agencies, as well as community organizations and other interested stakeholders. The \$45 million program is funded by grants from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, County of San Diego and others. More information is available on the Internet at <http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree> or by calling the toll-free hotline at (866) 402-6044.

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Editors: Photos of some of the equipment used can be seen at

<http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree/pio/pinehillspics/>

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