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## **NRCS Solicits Contract Bids for Boy Scout Camp *Dead and Dying Trees to be Removed Under the Watershed Recovery Project***

**SAN DIEGO, CA., March 17, 2005,** The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be holding a site showing for a Watershed Recovery Project at the Schoeppe Scout Reservation in Lost Valley (near Warner Springs) on this Thursday, Mar. 17. NRCS is soliciting bids for the removal of dead and dying trees and brush control practices in an effort to protect life and property. Officials will meet contractors near the gate to Camp Grace at the scout camp at 10 a.m. This project showing will not only generate bids, but also give potential contractors an opportunity to learn about the scope of future NRCS watershed recovery projects on private lands. NRCS Contract Specialist Ray Miller and NRCS Forester Bryan Petit will be on hand to explain the technical aspects of the projects and answer specific questions from the contractors about this and future projects. Information for companies interested in bidding on this project can be found at [www.fedbizopps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) or <http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree/contractors.html>.

The Fire Safety and Fuels Reduction Program 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 the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, County of San Diego and others. More information is available on the Internet at [www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov) or <http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree> or by calling Bryan Petit at 760-233-9507 ext. 104.