

Western Shasta RCD Hosts Joint Forestry Committee Tour

The Western Shasta RCD recently hosted the joint CARCD Forestry/Statewide Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committees' fall field tour, held in conjunction with its CARCD annual conference meeting in Redding, California. Project Manager Ross Perry organized the tour of the RCD's China Gulch Fuels Reduction project – one of California's high priority projects to reduce wildfire risk to vulnerable communities. He and Project Coordinator Nicole Balkow showed committee members mechanical and hand treatments used to reduce fuel loading and continuity along key ridge top locations and adjacent to many homes in the Happy Valley community. Throughout the tour they discussed the importance of executing this particular project, the scope of work occurring and the process for engaging landowners. Both contractor and landowner work has been accomplished. Committee members remarked that through its project implementation and oversight the Western Shasta RCD is clearly interested in serving its community in a meaningful way. Project work will continue through the end of this calendar year. Funding for this project is made available from CAL FIRE.



Forestry Committee members at the China Gulch Fuels Reduction project, Western Shasta RCD