

**SMITH VALLEY
NEVADA
-
BURBANK FIRE**

*Poster Child
for
Fuels Management*

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- Twenty-nine year veteran
- Career and volunteer
- WUI Homeowner



Outline

- History of Smith Valley's Fuels Management
- Build a Team
- Options for Funding
- Keep the Momentum Going
- My Story

History

- BLM's First Project - 2006
- Started to Form a Chapter
 - | Lost momentum due to lack of leadership
 - | It takes a commitment

Angora fire, 2007

BLM's second project, 2011 concurrent with work on private ground

Build a Team

- Smith Valley Volunteer Firefighters
- Nevada Fire Safe Council
- Smith and Mason Valley Conservation Dist
- Bureau of Land Management
- Property owners

Funding Options

- Stimulus \$
- BLM project \$
- USFS project \$
- Cost share/property owners
- Funneled funds through Conservation District

Momentum

- .. Don't be satisfied with one project season
- .. Spread the word, formally and informally
- .. Look for ways to grow
- .. Diversify
 - | Trailer program

Poster Child

- Nobody want a fire in their community but.....
- If you are going to have one, do it the same year as project work

The Day of the Fire



That's my neighborhood



Having Enough Defensible Space to Park Fire Engines is a Good Thing!



This Stuff Works!

Scorched Earth
Untreated



Losing Momentum

Treated Area



Still There



From Above



Pearls of Wisdom

- .. This stuff works!
- .. Don't get emotionally attached to your trees and bushes
- .. Think about how you'd feel if you got the call that there was a fire in your neighborhood

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