



Waterfall Fire Education Project Report 3/3/05

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- We initiated the Native Plant Project in the elementary schools. We will work with classes to plant native grasses and flowers for children and volunteers to plant on burned areas on Earth Day, Arbor Day and throughout the spring. 700 students will be involved producing 5000 plants. Nevada Division of Forestry supplied the seed, soil, and tubes. Volunteers are active on this project, filling containers, growing plants, and working in the schools.
- Held two Lakeview Fire Safe Council meetings. 25 homeowners are participating. Held one Kings Canyon Fire Safe Council meeting. 9 people attended this first meeting. Second meeting scheduled for April 20.
- 2 education events were held: *Bark Beetle Workshop* with John Christopherson, Nevada Division of Forestry, 23 people and a GPS training for volunteers to help in the monitoring of noxious weeds – 8 people participated, led by Bensinger and McEneny.
- Staff attended two day *Living with Fire Workshop for Green Industry Professionals*. Skelly taught three classes for the workshop: *Firescaping, After Fire Landscape Care, and Marketing*. This workshop trained landscapers and nursery workers how to implement defensible space for their clients.
- 215 technical publications were mailed.
- Skelly presented the Waterfall Fire Education Project at a national conference.
- Skelly working with Assistant Fire Chief Van Cleemput to do a firescape garden at CC Fire Station 3.