



# NEVADA PINYON-JUNIPER PARTNERSHIP



**CREATING A LANDSCAPE LEVEL  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TO ACCOMPLISH  
RESTORATION AND UTILIZATION OF  
PINYON-JUNIPER WOODLANDS**

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## THE WHY



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## THE WHAT – PLEASE REVIEW OUR WHITE PAPER IN THE BINDER

- **10/6/09** – Energy Meeting w/ USDA’s Bill Hagy; PJ biomass comes on the radar screen
- **4/12/10** – Mandate from Tri-County
- **5/13/10** – Scoping Meeting in Ely; 6 spokes with PJ at the hub: fire, conservation, agriculture, environment, renewable energy, other utilization
- **7/22/10** – Utilization Think Tank
- **10/14/10** – Environmental and Cultural Stakeholders – **And this is a beginning, not an end**

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## THE BIG PICTURE

### RISKS

FIRE, INSECT, BIODIVERSITY

### RESTORATION

HABITAT, WOODLAND HEALTH  
WATERSHEDS

### UTILIZATION

DIRECT FIRE, CO-FIRE, BIOCHAR,  
BIOFUELS, SMALL SCALE

# NEVADA PINYON-JUNIPER PARTNERSHIP DEMONSTRATION AREA & RESTORATION

- Resource values in map layers; table-top exercise to determine highest value areas for designation
- Unveiling 11/22/10 1 pm; VTC statewide
- Targeting high risk for fire, sage grouse, other habitats
- Use of monitoring and adaptive management
- **COSTS of INACTION are enormous**

## TO QUOTE ENLC, 2003

- We must overcome the institutional inertia within our society, government, and land management agencies that is dedicated to the reactive management approach. We must allow disturbances to be active and manageable on the landscape. In order to achieve this paradigm shift, we must be more proactive in our management strategies.

# PROACTIVE VS. REACTIVE

- **Between 1994 and 1999, the U.S. taxpayer paid \$2,972,473,600 in fire suppression costs. Reducing fire suppression efforts by only 25% would have provided a savings of approximately \$743 million over the 6-year period.**
- **Rowlins and Kobayashi provide a model for estimating avoided costs in their paper contained in the Resource Section of the binder**

# SHIFT THE PARADIGM

- Does the expertise and the will exist?
- Are we here to recreate wheels?
- Can a concerted, coordinated effort produce substantially different outcomes?
- Are we willing to be held accountable?
- Can we agree on a desired future outcome?
- Does the devil reside in the details?



# Margaret Mead

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

# **PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL**

**YOURS IS APPRECIATED!**

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# PLEASE WELCOME

## **DALLAS TONSAGER, UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT, USDA**

- Dallas Tonsager was appointed by President Obama as Under Secretary for Rural Development and sworn into office in May of 2009. Tonsager has over 35 years of agricultural, business, cooperative and financial experience through his work as a farmer, businessman, and community, state and national leader.

**Boss, thank you for coming**  
(please let the other two know we rock in Nevada)

