

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
July 14, 2004**

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos County Fire Department) indicated that the fire restrictions put in place by the County will be in effect until early August. The fuel moisture levels have increased. However, Doug has noted that mortality of piñon trees has continued.

Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest) reported that the fuel mitigation activities on lands along the County-Forest Service boundary have been successful. In two years, prescribed fire can be considered in these areas. With the introduction of prescribed fire, the need for additional thinning will not arise for many years.

Sam Loftin (Ecology Group, LANL) will distribute the LANL Wildfire Management Plan for review and comment on July 22. Comments from reviewers are requested by July 29.

Phil Taylor (Emergency Management, Los Alamos County) announced that the FEMA National Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for review and comment at the County website and at the local library.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) has completed sampling for fuels and fire hazards at 21 permanent plots. Randy distributed photos of some of these plots that had been severely burned during the Cerro Grande Fire, showing the regrowth of vegetation since the fire.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 11, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.