

**Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
August 25, 2004**

Phil Taylor (Emergency Management, Los Alamos County) announced that the RFP for development of the Los Alamos County Emergency Operations Plan will be closed on September 30. Also, the draft County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan will be available at the County website soon. The target deadline for adoption of this plan is November 1.

Bill Armstrong (Santa Fe National Forest) reported that the project to reduce fuels along Arizona Avenue is complete. Other fuel mitigation projects on County land will probably not continue until October. Limited fuel reduction activities have also been concluded along Highway 4 to the southwest of LANL.

John Stetson (National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office) reported that progress continues on the Supplemental Analysis for the LANL Site-wide EIS. This supplemental analysis includes an evaluation of the current fire hazards in the Los Alamos region.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) recently attended the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting and presented a paper entitled „Simulations of wildfire behavior as a component of long-term management at Los Alamos National Laboratory%. This presentation was co-authored by Steve Koch, Diana Webb, and Jackie Little. Randy also reported from El Niño weather prediction websites that indicate precipitation levels will be above normal through September, about normal from October through January of 2005, and above normal from February to April.

The Climate Assessment for the Southwest project (CLIMAS), located at the Institute for the Study of Planet Earth, University of Arizona, reports through its August 2004 information packet that recent temperatures of northern New Mexico have been slightly below normal and that recent precipitation levels have been about normal. Also, for the year 2004 there have been 2986 wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico and these fires burned approximately 299,500 acres. For more information, see <http://www.ispe.arizona.edu/climas/forecasts.html>

The Climas report also featured an updated National Weather Service Forecast Office website. This website posts recent weather trends and weather predictions for the Albuquerque area, which includes all of northern New Mexico, at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/>.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 8, 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](mailto:balice@lanl.gov), 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.

