

Mendocino Redwood Company Resource Manager (MRCRM) monitoring report 2009

I. Overview

The Mendocino Redwood Company Resource Manager (MRCRM) was developed in 2003 by Mendocino Redwood Company (MRC) and Mendocino Forest Products (MFP) to further expand the availability of FSC certified lumber. The program was also designed to provide access to local landowners, for whom individual FSC-certification was cost-prohibitive, to the benefits of FSC-certification. In 2008, the Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) was formed as an additional sister company to MRC. Since the inception of HRC, the MRCRM program has also provided access to landowners local to the HRC forestlands.

Currently, the MRCRM program has 14 members enrolled, covering a total of 13,698 acres in Mendocino, Humboldt, and Sonoma counties. Most of the forest land currently enrolled is located in Mendocino County. Table 1 below provides a breakdown of numbers, FMUs, and acres by membership type.

Table 1. MRCRM program members and acreage

Membership type	Number	Forest Management Units Represented	Acreage represented
Landowner	7	7	6029
Resource Manager	6	10	6871
Landowner Representative	1	1	730
TOTAL	14	18	13,630

II. Monitoring visits to various memberships

Membership type	Number harvested in 09	Number FMUS harvested in 09	Number visits in 09
Landowner	3	3	1
Resource Manager	1	1	0
Landowner Representative	1	1	1
TOTAL	5	5	2

MRC auditing visits were made to a landowner and to a landowner representative FMU in 2009. The visit to the landowner resulted in recommendations related to addressing crossings and reforestation efforts, while the monitoring visit to the landowner representative resulted in no corrective actions or recommendations.

III. Significant events or discoveries

One group member discovered an archaeological site while harvesting timber. The group member took actions to provide protection for the site during timber harvest operations.

IV. Harvest, yield, environmental impacts can all be located in the harvest plans related to each of these harvest activities.

Discussions of each of these monitoring requirements and outcomes can be found in Management Plans, NTMPs, or THPs for each of the areas harvest in 2009.

Harvest plans for each area harvested in 2009

Member name	NTMP/THP name	NTMP/THP number
George Hollister	Hollister	1-92-NTMP-XXXMEN
Robert Whittaker	Whittaker	1-97-NTMP-023MEN
Robin Bird	Fashauer Emergency	1-07-NTMP-015MEN
Jackson State Demonstration Forest	Brandon Gulch and North Fork Spur	See Jackson State Demonstration Forest Management Plan
Linwood Gill	10-Mile River	1-92-NTMP-005MEN

V. Changes made to MRC Resource Manager Program related to monitoring outcomes.

As a result of feedback from members the following changes were made to the program:

- I. A cover letter was sent to all existing members to clarify requirements of the program in addition to requesting feedback
- II A cover letter was developed to send to all new members when they enter into an agreement to participate in the program (clarifying requirements and contacts).
- III. A requirement to use the Handbook for Forest and Ranch Roads as best management practices for road construction and maintenance (available at: www.mrcrd.org/publications).

Some members were confused over what was required as part of the program and who the contacts were for various questions and concerns. Additionally, monitoring from 2008 indicated that there was a need to provide Best Management Practices for sediment control practices and road management – thus the added requirement to use the Handbook for Forest and Ranch Roads as BMPs.