



SWV MID-SEASON NEWSLETTER (08/29/2011)

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This summer's work got off to a slow start due to the large snowpack and high water, but July and August were busy. The LNT Master Educators' Class, supported by a grant from the California Wildlands Grassroots Fund of the Tides Foundation, certified LNT Master Educators from Yosemite National Park and Stanislaus National Forest staff and volunteers.

Our sponsored volunteer interns, who are being supported by a grant from the National Forest Foundation, have enabled Adam's wilderness team to make good progress with the inventorying of invasive weeds. The affected areas will be fully mapped by the end of the season. SWV volunteers have been busy removing these invasive weeds before they go to seed.



Weed expert, Christine Meyers



Karen Kite finds a big one



The Weed Crew



A large contingent of Back Country Horsemen, led by Dennis Serpa, along with a few SWV volunteers, spent two long weekends clearing over 300 downed trees from an 11 mile section of the Kibbie Ridge trail. It takes a lot of mules to haul in gear, tools and supplies for just a few days of hard work! This well used trail that cuts through both the Emigrant Wilderness and Yosemite National Park has been neglected for a long time. Thank you Dennis and BCH.

THE PREPARATION



THE BEFORE



THE WORK



THE AFTER



THE REWARD

Eleven volunteers and Wilderness Ranger, Evan Topal, traveled to Wire Lakes for three days of intense work restoring lakeshore habitat, cleaning campsites, removing trash and clearing downed trees from trails. These volunteers contributed 400 man hours of their time, and accomplished major projects at the 3 Wire Lakes, Long Lake, Starvation Lake, Spring Meadow and on the trail to Toejam Lake.



Mike Sawyer rebuilds a firering.



Dave Rowan finds the water refreshing.



Dave Moser entertains the group with horse stories. Yes, those are patches of snow on the ground.



Sherri Elliott in her "office". Where's yours?



Stefani Reichle dishes out Dave Moser's chicken pot pie, and the rest enjoy. The mosquitoes were hungry, too.