

INTERAGENCY AIR AND SMOKE COUNCIL MEETING

This quarter's meeting was held at the Blodgett Forest Research Station, in Georgetown, California. Bob Heald, Blodgett Manager, made a presentation on the history of land use in the Blodgett area, and discussed some of the forest management research being conducted at the station. Other presenters discussed the role of fire in the Sierra Nevada, including the use of prescribed burning to thin the forest and maintain manageable vegetation fuel loads. Other items discussed at the meeting included the continuing development of the prescribed fire incident reporting system (PFIRS) smoke management web page, and revising the IASC charter to rotate Steering Committee Member positions and possibly add new positions. We also participated in a half-day field trip around the forest station to observe some of the different land management techniques (including mechanical thinning) that are being investigated. The next quarterly IASC meeting is scheduled for January 2003.