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Board Accepts Additional \$10 million for Forest Fuel Reduction Program

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors accepted an additional \$10 million in federal grant money to continue fuel reduction projects and public education campaigns in fire-prone mountain communities.

The United States Forest Service provided the San Bernardino County Fire Department with \$3.5 million in July 2008 to continue its Tree Removal/Fuel Reduction Program. In response to a subsequent grant request as well as the proven successes of the program, the Forest Service granted the Fire Department an additional \$10 million to be used over the next four years.

“The County’s fuel reduction program played a major role in helping firefighters battle the Slide and Grass Valley fires in the fall of 2007, and I’m pleased the Forest Service recognizes the significance of the program and the need to continue removing hazardous fuels and educating mountain residents about fire safety,” said Second District Supervisor Paul Biane, who represents the Crestline mountain communities.

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