



Forest Coverage in the City of Downey Watershed Protection Area



Signage at the entrance to the Watershed Protection Area

Downey Watershed Protection Plan

Three Rivers RC&D is assisting the City of Downey in creating a Plan for the protection of the city-owned watershed area that contains springs which feed their municipal water system. North Winds Environmental has been contracted to draft the plan with assistance from Gordon Gilman, a contractor who works with Three Rivers' Wildland Fire Education and Prevention program. Gordon is providing fuel reduction treatment recommendations for the forest in this watershed area. This area is highly susceptible to wildland fire because of a build up of fuels (e.g. undergrowth, dry brush and deadfall).

The purpose of the plan is to provide recommendations for preserving and protecting the spring resources. The plan will identify potential sources of water quality contamination, identify water quality protection measures, and identify strategies to implement recommended measures as well as assessing their effectiveness and make revisions as necessary. The project is funded through a Source Water Protection Grant from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

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