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## **Balancing wildlife needs with fuels management: a conundrum CA Forest Stewardship Program (Summer 2010)**

The newsletter, “Balancing Wildlife Needs with Fuels Management; a conundrum”, is being distributed to better inform forest landowners and planners about wildlife needs and new directions in fuels management. The intent of the publication is to enhance landowner and planner awareness of wildlife habitat needs and fuel load management options to maintain wildlife habitat for species in different forest types. Forest Stewardship is a joint project of the CALFIRE, Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD), UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) and USDA Forest Service (USFS) to provide information on the stewardship of private forestlands in California. Multiple partners contributed resources and input towards the production of this Forest Stewardship Newsletter publication. Contributors included staff from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, CALFIRE, UCCE, and Point Blue, as well as summaries of several studies in the Sierra Nevada. This Forest Stewardship publications is one of several publications released by ANR to inform landowners, foresters and other planners when planning for management to address fuels management while considering needs of wildlife on their properties.

Articles within the Stewardship Newsletter begin with the top ten wildlife considerations when designing fuels treatment. The following article provides general information on planning and prioritization of actions for potential wildlife species found in the forest type depending on presence of key habitat features. Next is a condensed summary Sierran fuel load treatments. Another article describes value and management of snags. A one-page article then provides strategies to enhance habitat for birds in the major California Forest Communities. The final article describes management approaches for the fisher (*Martes pennanti*).