

**Project Name:** Hobo Camp Stewardship

**Project Location:** Susanville, CA

**Dominant Ecosystem Types:** Ponderosa pine, Bitterbrush

**Total acres:** 125

**Type of contract(s) used:** Stewardship Service Contract

**Time frame for the project:** 2005-2006

**Description of the most significant restoration needs and actions on the landscape:** The Hobo Camp project was identified in an assessment of BLM stands exhibiting overstocked conditions and was prioritized based its proximity and fire hazard to the City of Susanville (Figure 1&2 before & after).



**Desired future outcome in 3 years:** By reducing stocking, the residual stand is expected to have less mortality from pine beetle and dwarf mistletoe. Increased resources will also enhance growing conditions of the residual stand. An immediate result of the thinning was a reduction in suppressed crown class trees which reduced ladder fuels and increased crown spacing which reduced the potential for crown fire.

**Description of the most significant utilization opportunities linked to this project:**

The forest products from this project included 259 MBF commercial sawlogs and 584 tons of biomass (Figure 3). Sawlogs went to a local sawmill and biomass went to a wood-fired/geothermal power plant.

**Name of the BLM unit, collaborative groups and other major partner categories involved in project development:** BLM Eagle Lake Field Office (ELFO) and the Lassen Fire Safe Council.

**Describe the community benefit including number and types of jobs created:** This project provided forest products to the local economy which directly affected a sawmill, power plant, logging contractor, and several individual trucking providers. The ELFO provides Honey Lake Power with 5 to 10% of their annual fuel usage. The sawtimber value allowed for thinning of submerchantable trees in this wildland urban interface setting as well as thinning and road resurfacing in the BLM Hobo Camp day use area and Biz Johnson Trail entrance.

**Total estimated product value:** \$19,000

**Total estimated service costs:** \$19,000

**BLM funding:** \$0



**Figure 3. Biomass chipping and log sorting.**

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