



Mariposa Co.
Fire Safe
Council



SouthWest InterFace Team *SWIFT*

A collaborative partnership since 1999

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Insert Mission & Vision Statement

Executive Summary

June 2013

After 13 years, SWIFT underwent its greatest change. In June of 2012, Tom James announced his intent to retire as the coordinator for SWIFT. Back in 1999, it was Tom's vision to put together a collaborative group of agencies that had not only Fire protection & suppression responsibilities, but land management responsibilities to develop a protection plan so that the communities and resources located within the SWIFT project area would be less likely to suffer the impacts from catastrophic fires.

Over the years Tom has been the brain trust, catalyst, glue, (insert your own choice of words) that has kept this truly remarkable group together and going strong. I have heard many times, from many people over the years, that the monthly SWIFT meeting is one of the meetings that they enjoy attending, due to the true spirit of cooperation that exists within the team.

As identified in the 2011 & 2012 program of work, most of the attention has been focused on the maintenance of the over 17,000 acres of treatments and over 79 miles of road corridors and shaded fuel breaks. Although there were some new projects that were accomplished that strategically support previous efforts. And for the years 2013 & 2014, the maintenance trend is and will be continuing.

SWIFT continues to receive strong support from both the Tuolumne and Mariposa county boards of supervisors, in particular their recent decisions to continue to provide financial support of SWIFT. This commitment is also demonstrated by the regular attendance of the two respective supervisors at the monthly meetings.