



Campground Fire Fuels Treatment

In the Sierra foothills, Nevada Irrigation District operates campgrounds at Scotts Flat Reservoir, 6.5 miles east of Nevada City, which has two campgrounds with a total of 171 campsites. NID also owns Rollins Reservoir, which has 250 campsites dispersed among four campgrounds: Orchard Springs, Long Ravine, Peninsula and Greenhorn. In higher elevations, NID operates campgrounds in the Jackson Meadows – Bowman lake areas.

NID campgrounds draw more than 240,000 visitors each year, and are known for green coniferous forests that line stunning clear blue lakes. The District's fire fuel reduction projects aim to protect local communities, improve forest health, and reinforce that visitors have an optimal experience at NID campgrounds.



Projects

Scotts Flat

The Scotts Flat Fuels Reduction Project aims to remove diseased and hazard trees and vegetation on 600 acres around the shores of Scotts Flat Reservoir.

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy provided support of a nearly \$1 million grant to implement the project to mitigate more than 300 acres against the threat of wildfire around the reservoir and campgrounds.

Rollins Campgrounds

NID has completed understory fuels reduction and hazard tree removal on NID-owned lands surrounding Rollins Reservoir. In 2018, NID removed approximately 80 acres of dense understory vegetation through CAL FIRE's California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) at Peninsula and parts of Orchard Springs campgrounds. These efforts were expanded upon with an additional CFIP grant to complete 103 additional acres in Long Ravine and Orchard Springs Campgrounds.

In the future, NID will continue to manage the understory vegetation to reduce wildfire risk and conduct annual hazard tree surveys to maintain these facilities for human health and safety, water security and watershed health. These projects will decrease the likelihood of wildfire ignition within campgrounds, reduce the severity of potential wildfire risk for adjacent communities and NID infrastructure, and ensure the safety of campground visitors.



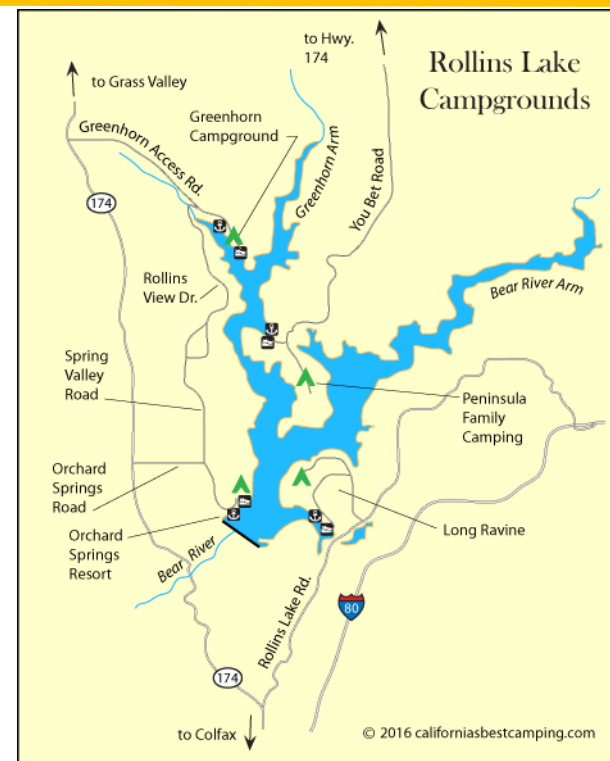
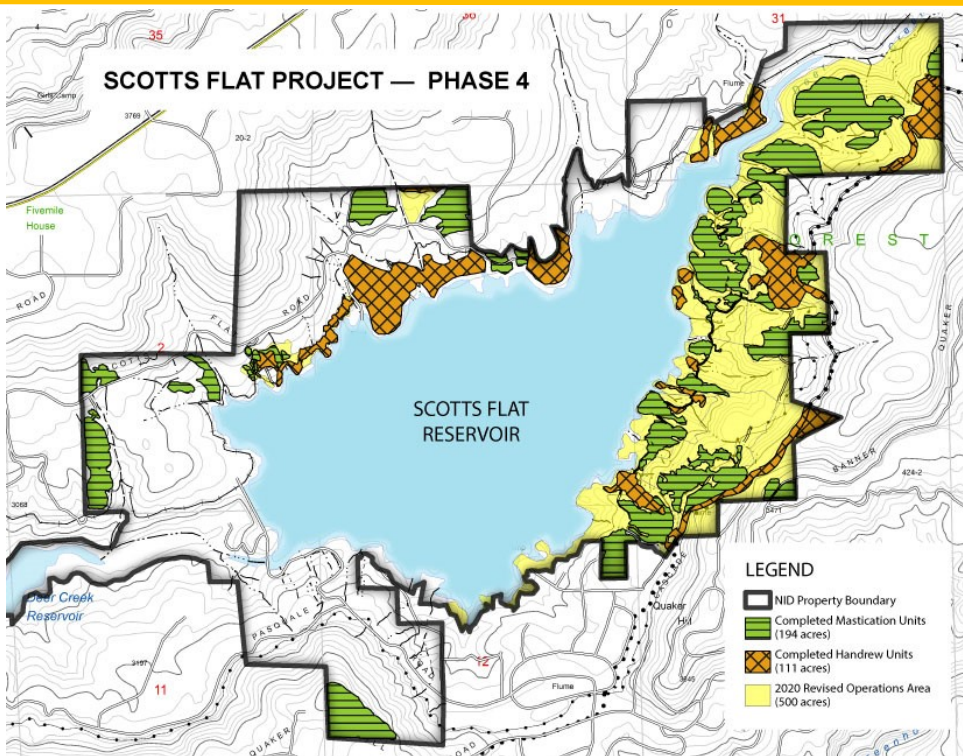
PRE-TREATMENT



POST-TREATMENT



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Campground Safety

- Ongoing thinning of the forest in and around campgrounds reduce fire fuels
- Campfires are only permitted in established BBQ pits and campground fire rings.
- Dependent on weather conditions, PSPS events or poor air quality, campfires and charcoal fires will not be permitted
- Clearing of 4-5 feet around all campfire rings
- Clearing brush and overgrowth around campsites leaves no hiding places for hot coals to be disposed of
- Staff inspects the entire site, not just the fire ring, after campers leave.
- Water system upgrades and new hydrants have been installed at campgrounds
- Ongoing dispersed campfire removal on USFS and NID lands in upper elevations

