

Big Sur Lodge Conference Room
Wednesday May 27, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The challenges facing land stewards in the Big Sur Region are complex: fire, sudden oak death, invasive weeds, and managing human impacts. This seminar will present overviews of research findings relevant to natural resource issues in Big Sur with the aim of supporting land managers in their work on the ground. A panel of land managers will then share their challenges and approaches, followed by an interdisciplinary panel discussion addressing key management issues.

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Session Agenda and Presentations

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome Janice Alexander, UC Cooperative Extension/California Oak Mortality Task Force ([audio](#))
- 9:40 a.m. Introduction to the Big Sur Ecosystem Mark Borchert, USDA-Forest Service ([slideshow](#)) ([audio](#))
- 10:10 a.m. The role of fire in Big Sur and coastal areasMax Moritz, UC Berkeley ([slideshow](#)) ([audio](#))
- 10:30 p.m. Invasive species in coastal ecosystems/grasslandsMark Stromberg, Hastings Reserve ([slideshow](#)) ([audio](#))
- 11:10 a.m. Current Status of Sudden Oak Death in Big SurDave Rizzo, UC Davis ([slideshow](#)) ([audio](#))
- 11:30 a.m. SOD: current status of management in Big SurDoug Schmidt, UC Berkeley ([slideshow](#)) ([audio](#))
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH BREAK (on your own; local lunch options listed below)
- 12:45 p.m. Panel of nature reserve/land trusts/state parks managersModerator: Susan Frankel, USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station ([audio](#) - partial only)
- Mark Stromberg, Hastings
 - Mark Readdie, Landels-Hill Big Creek Reserve
 - Jeff Frey, California State Parks
 - Jeff Kwasny, USDA-Forest Service
 - Cheryl McCormick, Santa Lucia Preserve
 - Jeff Cann, CA Dept. Fish and Game
 - Cammy Chabre, Big Sur Land Trust

Preliminary questions for panelists:

1. What are the land management goals of your organization?
2. In the absence of SOD (and with adequate funding), what would be your forest management goals?
3. What is your vision for plant communities across the Big Sur landscape?

2:30 p.m. Adjourn