



Fire Regime Condition Class (FRCC) in the Santa Monica Mountains CWPP Area

Condition class refers to the general deviation of ecosystems from their presumed prehistoric condition. It is intended as a measure of how sensitive to fire damage are key ecosystem elements and processes. Fire regime condition classes were assigned by LANDFIRE program analysts on the basis of a largely qualitative assessment of current vegetation cover (estimated by various automated image processing classifications of satellite imagery and other unspecified ancillary data sources) and fire regime, and plausible but unproven assumptions about prehistoric vegetation and fire regimes. For more information on LANDFIRE methods see: <http://www.landfire.gov>

Fire Regime Condition Class 1- Fire regime is within or near the prehistoric range. Risk of losing key species/ ecosystem functions is low.
 Fire Regime Condition Class 2- Fire regime moderately altered from prehistoric range. Risk of losing key species/ functions is moderate.
 Fire Regime Condition Class 3- Fire regime significantly altered from prehistoric range. Risk of losing key species/ functions is high.



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Scale 1:200,000 1 inch = 3 miles

