

5-Year Open Space Operating Plan

	Target	Benefits	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Sanitation Thinning	Selectively remove suppressed, diseased & sapling trees from populated areas that have a high wildfire hazard rating. Allow for vertical diversity, i.e. leave some where appropriate. Integrate with other management activities such as meadows.	Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire by decreasing ladder fuels. Improve forest health. Allow better growing conditions for grasses and forbs to grow.						
Create Shaded Fuel Breaks	Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire in the Genesee community. Where feasible create shaded fuel breaks in high wildfire hazard. Integrate with other management activities such as meadows, aspen rejuvenation and Dwarf Mistletoe.	Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. Improve forest health. Decrease presence of insect and disease. Attract grant funding.						
Insect infestation	Remove all harmful insect infested trees in the Genesee Community.	Forest health. Allows trees to grow to their full potential.						
Dwarf Mistletoe	Manage Dwarf Mistletoe infection in ponderosa pind. Isolate trees infected with Dwarf Mistletoe within the Genesee community. Integrate with other management activities.	Forest health. Allows trees to grow to their full potential. Decreases incidence of insect infestation.						
Meadows	Manage areas that currently function as meadows. Integrate with other management activities.	Increase biodiversity, Decrease wildfire hazard, Improve wildlife habitat.						
Weeds	In the Genesee community control Populations of Canada Thistle, Diffuse Knapweed, Leafy Spurge, Dalmation Toadflax.	Increase biodiversity, Increase populations of native plants.						
Aspen	Maintain and increase the size and health of aspen stands in Genesee. Integrate with other management activities.	Increase biodiversity.						
Erosion	Reduce erosion areas within Genesee.	Decrease sedimentation in streams to create better water quality.						
Roadside / Trail Saplings	Maintain ingress and egress routes. Integrate with other management activities such as Dwarf Mistletoe management.	Visibility, and safety along roads. Improve forest health. Reduce future tree removal costs. Improve vistas along roads.						
Shrubs	Improve growing conditions, rejuvenate existing areas. Integrate with other management activities.	Increase biodiversity. Increase wildlife browse.						
Wildlife	Improve wildlife habitat.	Increase biodiversity.						
Evaluation	Evaluate the success of Open Space management to guide future management goals and objectives.	Improve management strategies.						
Riparian Restoration								