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**FIRE BURNS HABITAT IN BOLSA CHICA**

It was a harrowing day for everyone who loves the Bolsa Chica, but the Bolsa Chica Land Trust is happy to report that the fire that burned this afternoon on the Mesa is now out.

We are very thankful to the men and women of the Huntington Beach Fire Department for their outstanding work, and to the cooperating agencies who provided helicopters and other support.

We now must assess the damage to the Reserve and what it will take to restore the burned acreage. Our Growing Space, our plant nursery, was spared by the flames, thanks to the careful planning and maintenance we strictly maintain. So we will continue to be supplied with seedlings for the volunteers who do planting and watering every month.

We will get through this!

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**PHOTO CAPTION:**

Huntington Beach firefighters form a fire line on the Bolsa Chica Mesa on Sunday afternoon to contain a brush fire that burned several acres. *Photo by Thierry Kolpin*

Bolsa Chica Land Trust board member Michael McMahan works to prevent flames from reaching the Growing Space, the trust's plant nursery that supports its restoration efforts on the Bolsa Chica Mesa. *Photo by Thierry Kolpin*