

# BRAIN STORM IN THE WATERSHED?

**Watersheds are important both in terms of resource use and as planning areas. Watershed groups are common places for government, commercial and community partners to interact.**

**Here are some of the ways fuels projects have been used to benefit watersheds – resources and people. (from many states)**

- **Stream Improvements**

**As either part of a rehab project, or as part of an on-going watershed program, stream improvements are common in some watersheds. Gabions, check dams or other in water structures can all be created out of materials from fuels projects.**

- **Stabilization**

**On road cuts, hillsides or anywhere soils have been disturbed stabilization can be a key component in maintaining water quality. The small trees and shrubs removed as part of fuels projects can be cost effective and the end product can look more natural.**

- **People in the Woods**

**Fuels projects are an important tool in training potential contractors for future work. Broken down into small units, these projects provide on the ground practical experience in specific fuel types for personnel, equipment and methods.**