

CFIP Updates

Supported activities:

- Oak Woodland Habitat Enhancement – Habitat improvement that can include protection of seedlings.
- Wet Meadow Fencing Practice – Fencing to protect wet meadows, other wet areas, and key wildlife habitat from domestic stock. Deputy Chief McMorrow has said that he would like to have this done more often through CFIP.
- Brush Habitat Improvement – The opening of forage lanes and the creation of low brush or grass openings that provide “edge effect” for deer and other big game animals.
- Clean and Release – The elimination of unwanted competing vegetation such as hardwood trees, brush or grasses from an immature stand of trees known as cleaning. This increases the vigor and growth of the remaining trees.
- Site Preparation – The control of vegetation competing with planted trees and is necessary under California’s climatic conditions in order to prepare a proper seed bed for seeding.

Based on my discussions with Bob Gillaspay and Deputy Chief McMorrow, increasing opportunities for contracted targeted grazing may require outreach to RPF community rather than changes to programs in these specific cases. NRCS and CFIP already allow grazing as a project type, but the treatments that are done are dependent on justification from the land owner and the RPF preparing the plans.

Opportunities for RPF and Landowner Outreach:

SAF

CLFA

Forest Management Task Force, Forest Management & Restoration Workgroup

Forest Landowners of California

Consulting Foresters of California

Amador/El Dorado Forest Forum

California Tree Farm Program

Board Meeting?

Forest Vegetation Management Conference

CAL FIRE Staff Outreach:

Tony Mediati, VMP Program

Scott Whit, Deputy Chief of Fire Plan and Prevention Grants