



Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA

July 22-24, 2025

Natural Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

- Review Teams are reviewing 6 inventory updates from multiple large companies and revised sustained yield documents ("Option A's" and Program Timber EIR).

Watershed Protection Program

- The Forest Practice monitoring crew is fully staffed with the hiring of Forester I, Fey Egan, who came over from Jackson Demonstration State Forest.
- We have completed 10% of the Forest Practice Implementation Effectiveness Monitoring (FORPRIEM) of Timber Harvesting Plans, a 3-year effort.
- The Draft Forestry Report Number 8 on Post-Fire Emergency Notice Monitoring is being reviewed internally.

Caspar Creek

- Caspar Creek data is featured in a draft manuscript submitted to Earth Surface Processes and Landforms titled "Unravelling the Frequency and Magnitude of Large Wood Mobility Across 11 Rivers Over Multiple Years." The manuscript is currently in review.
- Staff is collaborating with Northern Arizona University and the United States Forest Service Pacific Southwest Research Station to develop a protocol to determine the spatial variability of fuel moisture and soil moisture as a function of timber harvest intensity and other variables. The protocol will be implemented in the Caspar Creek watersheds in September/October 2025.

Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)

The following tables summarize Timber Operator Licensing and Enforcement Activities from the last report.

Table 1: Forest Practice Civil Penalty Collection

Case Status	# of Cases	Amount Collected	Total Amount Due
Adjudicated	30	\$173,550	\$485,760
Default	78	\$402,350	\$1,254,080
Paid per CPO	28	\$262,000	\$262,000
Settled	122	\$926,405	\$982,505
Totals	258	\$1,764,305	\$2,984,345

Table 2: LTO License Status

Status	#
New Applications Rec'd	11
Renewal Applications Rec'd	14
New Licenses Issued	18
Licenses Renewed	7
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	6
Applications Returned	8
Refunds Issued	0
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	144
Total Active Licenses	1499

Table 3: Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	# of Cases
Under Review	3
Developed for Signature	5
CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	8
Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	2
Settlement Mitigation	2
Payments	20
Probation	3
Judgment needed/In Judgment	38
Default/Final Order	15
Total	96

Resource Protection and Improvement Programs

Urban and Community Forestry

- An Aliso Canyon Green Schoolyards grant solicitation will open August 1, 2025, and close September 30, 2025. \$13.5 million will be offered to applicants in identified neighborhoods in the Aliso Canyon gas leak impact area. Webinars and office hours will be provided to assist applicants.
- CAL FIRE awarded Inflation Reduction Act Urban and Community Forestry grants are being advised to proceed with implementing projects, after being paused by presidential executive orders in January 2025.

- CAL FIRE's [Urban and Community Forestry Program 2024 annual report](#) is being publicly released through the quarterly Program newsletter.

Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- Work is beginning on control of the European strain of Sudden Oak Death disease in Del Norte County. The work will be done by the Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation on their tribal and traditional lands.
- Mediterranean oak borer has been found in Marin County.
- The program is nearing the final step of hiring a new program manager for the Entomology and Pathology Program.

Forest Biometrics Program

- Work has begun on the Soquel Demonstration State Forest (DSF) to establish a Continuous Forest Inventory system and train their staff in collecting required data.
- Mapping of timber types on the Mountain Home DSF has begun in preparation for the field measurement phase.

Demonstration State Forests (DSFs)

Jackson

- The Jackson Advisory Group (JAG) met on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. This meeting was held out in the field, starting at Camp One, and continuing with the Camp 8 South Late Seral Development project. Cal Poly Humboldt Professor Stephen Sillett was present to discuss his research paper *Contributions of Exceptional Trees to Improve Management of Redwood Forests in California*. Dr. Sillett focused on physiology, habitat value, and current distribution of old growth, which segued into discussion about how the concept would be applied in the proposed Camp 8 South project.
- Recently approved research applications included:
 - Matt O'Conner, Coast Range Watershed Institute – Pudding Creek and Noyo River Off-Channel Habitat Enhancement Designs
 - Daniel Laughlin, University of Wyoming – Vital Traits: Fire and Water in the West
 - Joshua Hallas, CDFW – Documenting Diversity: Building an Archival Legacy for California's Biodiversity
 - Heather Dawson, University of Oregon – Truffle Do Biodiversity Surveys at the Jackson Demonstration State Forest
 - Niklas Blanadet, Yale University – Shifts in Wood Nutrient Stocks Across a Soil Chrono Sequence

- Rebecca Lybrand, UC Davis – Assessing Soil Health Metrics in California Coast Redwood & Pygmy Forest Soil Systems
- Chris Lee, CAL FIRE – Trapping for Douglas-Fir Beetle Population Genetics
- Tori Norville & Michael Jones, UC Cooperative Extension – Creating Surface Fuel Loading Estimates for Coast Redwood Mixed Forests Using the Photo-Loading Sampling Technique
- The Wilderness Wonders group, a Fort Bragg Unified summer school course for middle and high school students, toured the Noyo River at Camp One. Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) staff, along with Sarah Gallagher from California Department of Fish and Wildlife, talked with the group about forestry and surveying fish and amphibians during the tour.
- In early June 2025, JDSF hosted the *“Soils, Climate, and Prescribed Fire from Coast to Inland in Mendocino County”* tour led jointly by the Professional Scientist Association of California and the California Forest Soils Council with 60 attendees present.
- Retired Forester II Lynn Webb led the California Native Plant Society for a walk to the Bob Woods Meadow where they saw many native plants, including the Humboldt milkvetch, *Astragalus agnicidus*, as well as touring the October 2024 prescribed fire at the meadow.
- A 12-foot bridge was installed on the “Caspar Crossing” trail with the Mendocino Coast Cyclists. Materials were provided by JDSF and carried in by volunteers. The bridge crosses a minor perennial stream and is part of the work needed for the trail to become “official”.
- North Coast Field Biologists has conducted 886 nocturnal station surveys across JDSF for Timber Harvesting Plan (THP), VTP, and other projects. The following species have been detected: Northern Saw-whet Owl (33), Barred Owl (BADO; 33), Western Screech-owl (27), Northern Pygmy-owl (6), and Northern Spotted Owl (NSO; 5). At least two NSO sites that were occupied in 2024 are still occupied in 2025.
- Barred owl research by the University of Wisconsin: A total of 176 barred owls have been lethally removed on the Greater JDSF area since the project started in November 2021. A total of 26 have been removed from JDSF in 2025. Detections and removals have slowed during the past two months.

Soquel

- Monterey Bay Search Dogs conducted canine training on June 28, 2025.
- Forest Manager Colin Noyes provided several field tours at Soquel Demonstration State Forest (SDSF):

- On June 26, 2025, two commissioners from the city of Santa Cruz City Water Commission viewed forest management practices and examples of post-harvest and fuels treatment areas in SDSF to inform forest management planning of their watershed lands.
- On June 28, 2025, Noyes gave a tour and presentation for the Summit Mountain community, neighbors to the forest, and other members of the public, along with retired Forest Manager Thomas Sutfin and local Forester David Van Lennep from Auten Resource Consulting. Approximately 30 people attended and toured a similar route to the timber tours given in June of 2024 during logging operations for the Sulphur Springs THP. Positive feedback was received from attendees.
- A one-acre prescribed burn was conducted on June 10, 2025, adjacent to Sulphur Springs Road as part of the Santa Rosalia Vegetation Treatment Program (VTP). Unit resources did an outstanding job firing, holding and managing smoke. Sulphur Springs Road was temporarily closed to public use, including hiking and biking, the day of the burning to provide for public and firefighter safety. News releases in English and Spanish were distributed and [YouTube videos](#) were produced in English and Spanish explaining the goals, planning process, and execution of SDSF's prescribed burning program.
- State Forests Biometrician Chris Quirnbach visited on June 24 and 25, 2025, to initiate the establishment of the first Continuous Forest Inventory. Establishment and measurement of the 34 plots is expected to continue through the summer field season.
- Geologists from the California Geological Survey visited the forest on June 7 and June 8, 2025, to review geological areas of interest within the future Amaya II THP area and investigated future in-stream wood monitoring methods, possibly utilizing sub-canopy drone data collection.

LaTour, Ellen Pickett, Big Bend, Miller, and Noble

- Staff have completed the 2025 depletion cruising between June 3 and June 21, 2025. The inventory represented 109 plots over 534 acres.
- The Boucher THP "Feller Buncher in the WLPZ Study" received a completion inspection, on July 1, 2025. Sacramento Headquarters Monitoring Unit has conducted monitoring visits and post treatment drone photographs have been captured by a LaTour Drone Pilot in training.
- On June 30 and July 2, 2025, Forest Manager Jason Poburko assisted with the delivery of Forestry Institute for Teachers (FIT). The topics covered included discussions pertaining to the Professional Forester Law, timber

harvest plan (THP) planning, THP preparation, and the interagency review process. While visiting Noble DSF, presentation topics included a brief history of the DSF program, the Ponderosa Fuel Break, managing lands under conservation easements, and a review of the goals of the Noble DSF.

- On July 1, 2025, Forest Health Specialist Curtis Ewing, visited LDSF with Andrew Blaikie (SPS Biota), a visiting researcher from New Zealand to discuss local forest health and pathogens that SPS Biota fears may find their way to New Zealand. SPS Biota is one of New Zealand's leading providers of Bio Security services specializing in systems for imports and exports across all sectors.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Programs

- CAL FIRE was able to achieve the target acres this fiscal year. With 156,254 acres treated with combined fuel reduction. We have 848 fuel reduction projects that were worked on this fiscal year. A great accomplishment from our Unit staff, cooperators, and grant programs.

Prescribed Fire Program

- The [Prescribed Fire Liability Claims fund](#) is wrapping up from the last fiscal year. A summary report will be available soon and will be based on the completion reports requested from the applicants. The year end count was 16,881 acres and 150 projects that were covered in the reservation system. No claims were filed in fiscal year 24/25. The claims fund will roll over to fiscal year 25/26. New applications are being approved and an updated FAQ has been posted.
- At least two insurance companies are now providing private liability insurance in California that were not before the claims fund was created. They insure anything beyond the \$2 million covered by the claims fund for a project. Several applicants have commented that without the fund the projects would not be able to be conducted.

Vegetation Management Program (VMP)

- We continue to review the California Vegetation Treatment Program Environmental Impact Report (Cal VTP EIR or Cal VTP) Projects to ensure compliance with the recent court ruling. We are waiting for further information and updates for Cal VTP from the Board as they revise the PEIR.

Environmental Protection

- CAL FIRE continues to support CNRA with the Secretarial Suspension requests by providing staff for project review. Over 50 projects are in the process. Projects can be added until the end of the calendar year. For more information to participate in this expedited review for critical projects visit <https://inside.fire.ca.gov/media/qnum2tab/statewide-fuels-reduction-environmental-protection-plan-may-13-2025.pdf>.

Cultural Resources

- The Cultural Burn Awareness training at Blue Lake Rancheria on June 25 and 26, 2025, had a big turnout of over 75 participants for both days. Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs, Helen Lopez, attended and participated in a panel discussion.
- Curriculum update is underway for the Professional Archaeological Surveyor Training Program with the California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA). The training is required to be updated every five years.

Wildfire Resilience Programs

Reforestation Services

- The program has hired and is training all their seasonal staff as well as their new Seed Bank Manager, Erika Teach, for the summer season and in preparation for the 2025 cone survey and collection season.
- Staff, in collaboration with other State agencies, Federal agencies, and numerous private entities, will begin canvassing California's forested landscapes for viable cone crops to ensure an adequate supply of conifer seeds in the State Seed Bank, located at the Lewis A. Moran Reforestation Center in Davis. Please reference the [2025 Cone Survey Memo](#), which provides background and resources for cone surveying.
- Staff are still working on wrapping up the seed processing from last year's cone collection efforts, which brought in over 4,600 bushels of cone. Last year was a potentially record-breaking year for cone collections for CAL FIRE.
- The program assisted with the instruction of five "Cone Camps". These are two-day field training where individuals from a variety of agencies and organizations are trained on cone surveying, monitoring, and collection processes. This effort is critical for bolstering the workforce available to assist in these activities.

California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

- CFIP continues to offer cost share agreements with private landowners. The July funding selection batch included \$1.9 million in projects. CFIP

continues to accept applications for the next funding selection batch, occurring in November 2024 where we anticipate selecting up to \$2 million in projects.

Forest Stewardship

- The program is working on a collaborative grant application in cooperation with several other CAL FIRE Resource Protection and Improvement programs requesting funding from the USDA Forest Service for a grant under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). These funds would be combined with grant funds already secured under the Forest Stewardship Program under BIL and would be awarded as capacity grants to entities assisting nonindustrial private landowners.

Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

- The program continues to work on several existing conservation easement projects. Please contact staff for any desired details.
- A potential new Federal funding opportunity may become available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. See the [CAL FIRE Forest Legacy website](#) for more information.

Climate and Energy Programs

Wood Products & Bioenergy

- Hosted an interagency review committee in Sacramento on June 25, 2025, to evaluate Business and Workforce Development grant applications. Grant award announcements are anticipated later this summer.
- Represented CAL FIRE at the 2025 California Hydrogen Leadership Summit in Sacramento on June 3 and 4, 2025.
- Hosted an interagency meeting for California State organizations supporting Forest Biomass and Wood Utilization in Sacramento on June 17, 2025.
- Assisted in a Forestry Institute for Teachers event on June 30, 2025, in Shingletown.
- Represented CAL FIRE at a Civ Corps and East Bay Regional Parks event in Wildcat Canyon, Richmond, CA, on July 10, 2025, recognizing the work of the young adults serving as Corpsmembers.

Forest Health

- All 12 fiscal year 24/25 Forest Health grant awards announced in late May 2025 have fully executed grant agreements in place.

- Forest Health staff are actively engaged in CNRA Climate Bond Core Meetings in anticipation of receiving Prop 4 Climate Bond funding in Fall 2025. They are also planning for future grant solicitations that will utilize both Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) and Proposition 4 Climate Bond funding.

Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force

- The Task Force has added a new resource to assist applicants with the Governor's regulatory suspension process. The interactive map includes contacts at the county level for CAL FIRE, UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, Department of Conservation's (DOC) Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program, the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife and others to contact to advise on development and implementation for landscape resilience and community wildfire protection projects.
- Registration is now open for the Task Force's Inland Empire Regional Meeting. The meeting will be hosted by the Inland Empire Community Foundation and Inland Empire Resource Conservation District at the University of Redlands. www.wildfiretaskforce.org/meetings
- The Task Force's June Governor's Update is now available. www.wildfiretaskforce.org

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

Research & Monitoring

- As of July 8, 2025, we are 38% through the 184-day field season. 182 plots (29%) are currently loaded with a total of 697 plots. With 18 crew leaders in the field, there may be up to an estimated 100 plots that have been sampled but not loaded into the system at any given time.
- 274 plots (39%) remain in an access pending status.

Assessment & Planning

- The FRAP Assessment is progressing, with all but two chapters undergoing or past the external review phase.
- Burn Severity Mapping. FRAP has launched the new [California Vegetation Burn Severity Online Viewer](#), an interactive public mapping tool that shows how wildfires have impacted vegetation across the state. This resource supports California's commitment to transparency and wildfire resilience under Senate Bill 1101. The press release is scheduled to go out on July 14, 2025.

Wildfire Hazard and Risk

- New maps are being produced to reflect new areas of State Responsibility Area (SRA) identified in the 2025 5-year review as adopted by the Board of Forestry. FRAP is working in conjunction with California Wildfire Mitigation Program (CWMP) on map development and regulation process.
- Potential Operational Delineation (POD) planning associated with SB 1101 is progressing with the selection of pilot areas for POD analysis and workshops, with two areas in the Northern Region and two areas in the Southern Region being nominated by region personnel in conjunction with Unit staff. In addition, FRAP is working key risk data and on a workshop support process to facilitate POD work in the coming year. A technical advisory committee is also being planned to assist with making sure the POD analysis is using state-of-science processes and is coordinated with other planning efforts.

Fire Protection

Fire Protection Program

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- Through June 2025, CAL FIRE Law Enforcement officers have made 74 arson arrests.
- In fiscal year 24/25, approximately \$24.3 million in fire suppression costs were collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program.

Fire Protection Operations

- CAL FIRE Intel program has signed a 5-year contract with Technosylva, our fire forecasting, fire spread prediction spread model including the Common Operational Picture (COP).
- CAL FIRE Intel program and Executives, including Deputy Director Scott Gregory, Deputy Director Frank Bigelow, Chief Technology Officer Ben Rogers, Staff Chief Phillip SeLegue, Research Program Supervisor Tiffany Meyers, and Research Data Manager Mark Rosenberg, were honored with the "Making a Difference" award at the annual Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) Conference in San Diego. Following the award presentation, members of CAL FIRE's Intel Program specializing in remote sensing delivered a presentation highlighting the innovative work being done.

Aviation Management Unit (AMU)/Tactical Air Operations (TAO)

- CAL FIRE Aviation staff traveled with members of the Executive Team to United Rotorcraft on July 14 and 15, 2025, for a closing ceremony signifying the completion of the Fire Fighting Helicopter Procurement Contract for the delivery of 16 CAL FIRE Hawks. The following week, a team from CAL FIRE Aviation traveled to United Rotorcraft to fly the last two remaining CAL FIRE Hawks home to McClellan.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

Contract County Program

- The Contract County Program through the “Fuels Reporting Working Group” continues to work with our partners to fine tune and improve various reporting elements. This includes a recent survey that was distributed to all contract counties to assess their current Computer Aided Design (CAD) access and compatibility. Integrating CAD data into CAL FIRE systems will help streamline incident reporting and reduce manual data entry delays.

Local Government Program

- The Local Government Program and Local Government Committee Dispatch Audit subgroup continues to work on resolving identified improvements to ensure consistency within Dispatch Agreement costing and AO-17 invoicing. These processes, training, and policy updates will ensure an even higher level of consistency with all agreements statewide.

State/Federal/Int Programs

International Program

- The CAL FIRE International Program is excited to announce the appointment of Lindsey Freedman as Staff Services Manager I, Program Manager of the International Program. Lindsey is the first dedicated program staff members to the rapidly growing International Program. Lindsey brings years of experience working with various international cooperators, foundations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

State and Federal Program

- The State and Federal Program, along with the CFMA Committee, met to finalize the working draft of the 2025 California Master Cooperative Wildland Fire Management and Stafford Act Response Agreement (CFMA). This agreement will be an update to the previous 2018-2023 CFMA. An approved update is expected prior to the end of 2025.

Hand Crew Program

- As of July 9, 2025, CAL FIRE has staffed 152 of the 236 Hand Crews available for statewide response. The number of Hand Crews available significantly impacts wildland fire suppression, conservation work, prescribed fire activities, and fuels reduction work. Within the four models under the Hand Crew program, in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation model there are 72 of 152 authorized Incarcerated Persons, 31 of 33 California Conservation Corps, 11 of 14 Joint Taskforce Rattlesnake (JTFRS) crews from the California Military Department, and 38 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I's (FFI). Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing periods and crew typing certifications.
- The California National Guard Title 10 activation effecting the JTFRS crews was rescinded on July 3, 2025. They are in the process of demobilizing from Los Angeles and staffing the crews.
- The 6400 handbook is in the process of updates. The ad hoc met in June and was able to complete the outstanding items.

Safety Program

- The Annual Focus on Safety will be distributed to the Department soon. Topics include fire line safety, Valley Fever, indoor and outdoor heat requirements, personal protective clothing and equipment tracking and cleaning, hearing protection, and emergency evacuations.
- The Safety Program continues to move forward with PPE Software implementation. Several training courses have been held over the last few weeks for both administrative users and end users to train them in the use of this new software. All employees will have access to these recorded training courses once they are complete.
- Safety Program continues to work with the Business Services Office (BSO) on the development of several PPE-related contracts including Inclement Weather Protective Ensembles (IWPEs), Wildland Firefighting Protective Jackets and Pants, CO2 Cleaning for Lithium-Ion battery exposures, HFEO Helmets, and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program

- On June 26, 2025, the San Bernardino Unit transitioned to the Advanced Life Support version of the Departments electronic patient care reporting system (CALePCR) with minimal errors or issues. The San Benito-Monterey Unit will be the next to transition to the Advance Life Support version of CALePCR with an expected completion by the end of August 2025.

- EMS Program Staff had a pre “fire season” meeting with the Incident Management Team Medical Unit Leaders (MEDL) that included an orientation of how the program interfaces with California Emergency Medical Services Authority (CAL EMSA) on their behalf and how the Program Battalion Chiefs will be taking a more active role in their success at incident operations, as a supporting function between the Program, the incidents and the California Medical Assistance Team (CALMAT).
- The EMS Program continues to work with CAL FIRE Legal to review policy and procedures regarding the handling of medical records requests.

Statewide Training Program (Statewide Training)

- Statewide Training Classes Hosted to date: 231
 - 3959 Students have attended classes this year
- Policy 4021 Working Group Update
 - 195 CAL FIRE Classifications
 - 18 in progress
 - 21 completed and published
 - 102 in different phases of approval
 - 33 pending submissions
- Policy 4039 Working Group Update
 - 7 Complex Incident Management Positions Updated
 - 4 approved and published
 - 3 in review for approval
 - Working on base training levels for all current positions.
- Statewide Training Learning Management System/Registration Management System (LMS/RMS)
 - Testing 2 alternative LMS/RMS platforms
 - The Cornerstone test will be done with the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit and Fresno-Kings Unit.
 - The Fire Engineering Training test will be done with the Riverside Unit and the Humboldt-Del Norte Unit.
 - Both Region Training and Sacramento HQ Training will have access to both.
- Curriculum Development
 - Working on the 2026 C-520 Course Plan and changes.
 - Working on the Statewide Tablet Command Curriculum.
 - Establishing a calendar for the Fall Train the Trainer course for the new S-290 course.
- Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC)
 - 4100 Manual updates in review process for approval.

- Establishing a new 4100 policy to streamline the Individual Training Plan Guidelines.
 - Preparing to launch the New BU-07 JAC curriculum in 2025.
- 2026 Annual Training Calendars will be released to all Units and HQ from their respective Regions and Programs by August 1, 2025.
- The first contract JAC course will be held at Atwater Training Center starting July 28, 2025. We have a total of 18 weeks of JAC courses on the calendar and planned at the Atwater Training Center. We will be looking into hosting future courses in collaboration with our Region partners at alternative locations in both the North and South.

Academy Training Program (Training Centers)

- The Atwater Training Center (ATC) officially opened on Monday, July 7, 2025.
- Year to date, the Training Centers have trained the following:
 - 223 FFA students
 - 229 COA students
 - 128 Firefighters tested to IFSAC and Pro Board Firefighter 1 status

Office of the State Fire Marshal

Wildfire Risk Reduction

Defensible Space

- Inspection Totals 2024-2025
 - Fiscal Year totals are under audit to ensure accuracy for the final reporting. Units and Contract Counties still have access to their inspection data for updates. The final numbers will be released in August.
 - Year-to-Date Totals: 152,823

Qualified Entities

- The San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit is hosting a class on July 22 and 23, 2025, at the CAL FIRE Ben Lomond Training Center

Wildfire Preparedness

Home Hardening

- Developing the SB-190 Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Safety Building Standards Compliance Training.
- Assist and support the California Wildfire Mitigation Program.

- Prepare and staff the Wildfire Prepared Home at Cal Expo during the California State Fair.

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

Wildland Fuels

- As of this month, the Fuels Reduction Activity Report is reporting the highest Fuels Reduction numbers ever reported by CAL FIRE.
- CalMAPPER V4 continues to move forward in development and testing.

Fire Plan

- 2025 Unit Fire Plans are posted to the CAL FIRE website.
- Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting has started to increase with fire activity.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP) Toolkit consultations with Local jurisdiction are ongoing with a steady flow of requests.

Statistics

- The 2024 Redbook is in the final state of approval and will be posted to the CAL FIRE website.
- The CALFIRS Working Group met, and many improvements are underway for easier reporting and validation of data.
- Monthly webinars discussion about the transition to the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) has been successful with great attendance.

Utility Wildfire Mitigation (UWM)

- Currently reviewing PG&E, SDG&E, Southern California Edison (SCE), Bear Valley Electric Service (BVES), and Liberty's submitted 2026-2028 WMP submission.
- The Utility Fuel Management Task Force meeting was scheduled for July 14, 2025, and will be every other Thursday starting July 17, 2025.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

Land Use Planning

- Program is engaged with numerous jurisdictions statewide in assisting with mandatory submittal of local Safety Elements of General Plans.
- Safety Elements for the City of Bradbury, City of Chino, and Sonoma County have been submitted for the July Resource Protection Committee (RPC) meeting.
- Subdivision Review

- Fire Safety Surveys for Cities of El Cajon and Arcadia have been submitted for the July RPC agenda.
- Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
 - Pilot Course will be scheduled soon.
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA
 - Currently at 1280 communities in good standing, numerous additional applications under review.
 - 43% of all communities nationwide are in California.
- Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
 - Work continues on scheduling additional classes this fall and into 2026.
 - More information is available on CWPM website and at: <https://www.communitywildfire.org/trainings/>
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
 - Open solicitation began July 2, 2025, and runs through August 6, 2025.
 - Weekly Open Office Hours webinars are held Wednesdays 9am-10am through July 2025.
 - Up to \$135 million available for distribution.
 - Combination of Prop 4 Climate Bond Funds and California Climate Investments (CCI).

Communications

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal)

Updated July 14, 2025

Interval	Fires	Acres
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	4,195	201,295
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	3,629	77,925
5-Year Average (same interval)	3,918	116,218

California has experienced 257 new wildfires since the last report on July 7, 2025. 213 were within CAL FIRE's jurisdiction.

Year	State/Local/Contract County Acres	Federal/Military Acres	Total Acres Burned
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2025	61,758	139,537	201,295
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- Camp Smokey at the California State Fair opened July 11, 2025, and runs daily through July 27, 2025. The exhibit offers an interactive fire-safety experience for all ages. Hosted by an interagency team including CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Firefighters Burn Institute, Camp Smokey features hands-on learning stations covering wildfire prevention, home safety, Smokey Bear history, Native American fire practices, and fire ecology.
- CAL FIRE's 2025 "One Less Spark" Campaign launched on July 14, 2025, targeting statewide and Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) audiences with additional targeting to drivers of trucks, trailers, RVs, and off-road vehicles, as well as tourists and recreational visitors in wildfire-prone regions. Focusing on both English and Spanish audiences across all targeting, the messaging "Be Equipped. Be Prepared." with the sub-messages "Mow Smart. Tow Smart. Park Smart." encourages residents to use equipment and tools safely while being prepared in case a fire ignites.
- Communications staff will record the first of several Resource Management program introduction videos with the Urban and Community Forestry Program. This series of videos will be used to onboard new staff and introduce existing staff to various Natural Resource Management programs.
- CAL FIRE Communications supported Camp Cinder between June 23 and 26, 2025. Communications staff created daily videos from both the San Luis Obispo and Shasta County Camps and produced a wrap-up video for CAL FIRE and Unit social media platforms.
- In the lead-up to the Fourth of July, CAL FIRE shared English and Spanish news releases and a media toolkit on firework safety, misuse dangers, and penalties for illegal fireworks.
- On July 1, 2025, CAL FIRE cohosted a Fourth of July Safety News Conference with Sacramento City Fire Department and partners. On June 25, staff joined a Southern California fireworks safety event with the Los Angeles Fire Department, highlighting coordination to seize illegal fireworks and promote safety.
- Communications staff are helping plan the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Fire Safety Symposium, hosted at CAL FIRE Headquarters in Sacramento and streamed online, bringing together experts on BESS codes, response, technology, and state energy updates.

Tribal Affairs ProgramTribal Affairs

- Tribal Affairs Program and CAL FIRE Units (San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardo, and Southern Operations) attended the Rincon Tribe's Public Law 280 and Culture Humility training hosted by the Rincon Band of Luiseños Indians in Valley Center near San Diego. Over 50 CAL FIRE Chiefs and staff participated. The tribe was very pleased with this collaboration.
- The Tribal Affairs Program, Cultural Resources Program, and Sonoma State University continue to jointly consult with three tribes for the repatriation of collection items held by CAL FIRE and housed at Sonoma State University as required by the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (CalNAGPRA).
- Tribal Affairs Program is participating weekly on the 2025 Native American Planning Committee along with other state agency representatives to plan the Native American Day Celebration scheduled for September 26, 2025, at the State Capitol.
- Tribal Affairs Program and Butte Unit Chief Garrett Sjolund consulted with one tribe on fire response communication protocols and suppression fire repair work.
- CAL FIRE continues to support the CNRA on the SB 310 Cultural Burning Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Agency and one Tribe. Currently, CNRA has entered an MOU with the Yurok Tribe on Cultural Burning.

Tribal Wildfire Resilience (TWR)

- Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grant Step 2 interviews have concluded. Award announcements are proposed for the end of July.
- Working with State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to see if any of the current solicitation applications could be funded with their Proposition 4 Early Action funds. TWR has followed up with those applicants to see if we could share their application with SCC.
- Met with Sierra Nevada Conservancy on June 20, 2025, to discuss presenting to their Tribal Capacity Building Workgroup. The presentation on July 23, 2025, was on CAL FIRE grants, building relationships with Units, and how to develop burn plans.

CALENDAR YEAR 2025

TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION THROUGH July 10, 2025

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	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
THPs Received	80	80	24	28	0	1	1	7	105	116
THPs Returned	38	31	11	8	0	1	1	2	50	42
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	79	66	20	25	0	1	2	5	101	97
THPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Approved	69	63	26	11	0	0	7	6	102	80
THP Approved Acres	16,421	15,211	16,207	2,958	0	0	3,326	4,286	35,954	22,455

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	4
NTMPs Returned	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	3
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
NTMP Approved Acres	871	1,140	1,397	0	0	0	0	0	2,268	1,140
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	48	25	9	7	0	0	0	0	57	32

	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
Year Comparison	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
WFMPs Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved Acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Acres represent those reported on the Notice as accepted by the Department and may not reflect actual operations on the ground.

Data Source: CalTREES

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Rule	Type of Exemption		2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	95	687,902	64	397,878
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	33	180,530	29	173,889
		Riverside (South)	1	250	1	240
		Sierra (Fresno)	15	31,052	15	24,571
		Totals	144	899,734	109	596,578
1038(a)&(b)	10% Dead, Dying or Diseased Fuelwood or Split Products	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.6 (03/2019)	Butte Post Fire Recovery	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(a) (03/2019)	Christmas Trees	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	14	1	14
		Totals	1	14	1	14
1038(k)	Drought Mortality	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog v2019	Cascade (Redding)	28	5,054	30	2,470
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	6	86	2	26
		Totals	34	5,140	32	2,496
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(i)	Forest Fire Prevention Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038.3 (03/2019)	Forest Fire Prevention v2019	Cascade (Redding)	12	844	1	116
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	19	1,242		
		Riverside (South)	1	191		
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	24		
		Totals	34	2,301	1	116
	Forest Resilience Exemption	Cascade (Redding)			10	591
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			25	2,005
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			2	93
		Totals	0	0	37	2,689
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	28	34	32	51
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	15	37	14	28
		Riverside (South)			1	0
		Sierra (Fresno)	8	9	8	14
		Totals	51	80	55	93
1038(l)	Oak Woodland Management (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(e) (03/2019)	Oak Woodland Management v2019	Cascade (Redding)			2	83
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	13	655	20	1,400
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	13	655	22	1,483
1038(m)	Post Fire Recovery (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.5 (03/2019)	Post Fire Recovery v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Post Fire Recovery v2020	Cascade (Redding)			12	66
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	29		
		Totals	1	29	12	66

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		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	9	6,352	14	437,418
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	13	198	5	52
		Riverside (South)			71	38,768
		Sierra (Fresno)	8	5,970	37	42,418
		Totals	30	12,520	127	518,656
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	85	191	76	157
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	77	189	51	222
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	5	9	9	25
		Totals	167	389	136	404
1038(c)(6)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) Includes exemptions previously submitted with both 0-150ft and 150-300ft options	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)(6) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	6	30	5	10
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	12	45	7	24
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	3	6
		Totals	19	80	15	40
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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1038(g)	Woody Debris and Slash Removal	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	All Exemptions	Grand Total	494	920,942	547	1,122,635

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice			2024		2025	
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)	30	4,528	71	22,949
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	17	1,010	12	669
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	3	90	2	249
		Totals	50	5,628	85	23,867
<u>Emergency Conditions</u> More than one condition can be selected per Notice of Emergency Timber Operations - acreage may be reflected multiple times	Drought	Cascade (Redding)	9	2,261	11	4,456
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272	2	26
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	10	2,533	13	4,482
	Fire	Cascade (Redding)	19	2,007	62	21,717
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	14	700	8	656
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	85	2	249
		Totals	35	2,793	72	22,622
	Insects	Cascade (Redding)	14	3,404	19	7,906
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	272		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	60		
		Totals	17	3,736	19	7,906
	*Others	Cascade (Redding)	61	11,241	134	56,570
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	30	2,981	17	739
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	9	220	2	249
		Totals	100	14,442	153	57,558
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)	3	69	4	181
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	2	47	2	80
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	56		
		Totals	6	172	6	261
Fuel Hazard Reduction		Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
Sudden Oak Death Disease		Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0