

Forest Stewardship Education Newsletter: April 2021

Upcoming 2021 Forest Stewardship Workshops

March 22nd – May 27th

Location: Online and Humboldt County. Registration closed.

April 21st – June 16th

Location: Online and San Bernardino County. Registration now open.

June 1st – July 27th

Location: Online and Sonoma County. Registration now open.

June 2021(exact date TBD)

Follow-up workshop for past workshop participants

Additional workshop hosted by your local UCCE office can be found by searching 'UCCE (your county)'

As of January 2021:

89% of workshop participants plan on contacting an RPF

86% of workshop participants plan on contacting their local RCD/NRCS office

78% of workshop participants plan on contacting their local Cal Fire unit

Greetings from UC ANR

You've identified your management goals, and had an initial site visit with your forester. Now you might be thinking, "How am I going to pay for what I'd like to do?" Fortunately, forest landowners have several financial assistance opportunities available through cost share and grant programs.

This Forest Stewardship Newsletter is focused on providing information about cost share funding and grant resources that can assist you while you learn about your forest, develop your management plan and conduct activities to improve the overall health and resilience of your forest.

– Kim Ingram, Forest Stewardship Coordinator, kcingram@ucanr.edu



Susie Kocher, Big Sandy Rancheria/Fresno field day discussing inventory techniques

Financial Assistance

The **Natural Resources Conservation Service** (NRCS) provides financial and technical assistance to forest landowners through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program ([EQIP](#)). This cost share program supports landowners in addressing their natural resource concerns and delivering environmental benefits such as improved water quality, reduced soil erosion, promoting healthy forests and rangelands, and improved wildlife habitat. Additionally, for those landowners who have already completed an EQIP project, you may be eligible for funds to help maintain your existing level of conservation and stewardship through the Conservation Stewardship Program ([CSP](#)). The NRCS also has natural resource professionals on staff, such as soil conservationists, wildlife biologists, foresters, and rangeland managers, to answer any questions you may have.

For more information on EQIP and CSP programs, or to find an NRCS office near you, go to:

www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov

Cal Fire provides cost share funding through the California Forest Improvement Program ([CFIP](#)). This cost share program provides funding for projects that protect, maintain and enhance productive and stable forest resources (reforestation, stand improvement, and conservation practices), as well as for the improvement of resources such as fish and wildlife habitat, and soil and water quality. Both the CFIP and EQIP programs require a CA Cooperative Forest Management Plan (CCFMP) that has been reviewed and signed off on by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). CFIP cost share money can reimburse you for the cost of an RPF to prepare your CCFMP. For more information on the CFIP program, contact your local Cal Fire Forestry Assistant Specialist (FAS). You can find a FAS list on the Cal Fire [website](#).

UC ANR Online Resources for You!

The UC ANR Forest Research and Outreach [website](#) contains publications, information and links that support a variety of forest-topic resources, including insects and disease, wildfire, vegetation management and climate change.

[The Forest Stewardship Series 23 – Technical and Financial Assistance](#) can help landowners identify and understand various technical assistance and cost-share programs.

Looking for new information on forest ecology, forest management or other related workshop topics? Visit the 'Workshop Materials [webpage](#)'.

For information from workshop partners (Cal Fire, NRCS, FLOC, etc.) or resources that can help you research sections of the CCFMP, visit the 'Additional Resources [webpage](#)'.



*Cal Fire FAS Zsolt Katay
with CFIP participants*



My Sierra Woods (MSW) is a grant program administered by the [American Forest Foundation](#) and funded by Cal Fire. It provides landowners with reimbursements for fuels-reduction activities such as mastication and hand-thinning, transportation of biomass and reforestation in 12 Northern CA counties (Siskiyou, Trinity, Modoc, Shasta, Tehama, Butte, Yuba, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada and Placer). They are looking to expand into other counties if there is interest and need. Currently, MSW is not taking on new landowners as current fiscal year funding is all allocated. However, they are creating a wait list. If you are interested in being placed on the list, or simply want more information about My Sierra Woods, please contact Sarah Hendricks for more information at: sarah@mysierrawoods.org



American Forest Foundation

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are special districts (entirely grant funded) whose purpose is to support and facilitate conservation of natural resources. RCDs provide professional services, technical assistance and advice in forestry and agriculture, assist in grant fund development for projects, mapping of fire infrastructure, and they collaborate with Fire Safe Councils. They are often viewed as a connection between the NRCS and landowners. RCDs also conduct educational programs for landowners such as YouTube channels, workshops and educational events. To find an RCDs in your area, visit the California Association of RCDs [website](#).

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The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) provides scientific and other information about natural resources to tribal members and representatives living on, or managing, trust or allotment lands. The BIA has grant funding for projects related to forest management, forest pest management, Integrated Resources Management Plan development, timber harvesting, endangered species management, watershed restoration and woodland management. For more information, please contact Yvonne Jones, BIA Forest Resource Officer at Yvonne.jones@bia.gov



Reminder! Deadline for initial site visit is June 30, 2021!

If you were impacted by wildfire this year and need specific advice, or simply want to be prepared for the upcoming fire season, consider using your free initial site visit with an RPF. Please contact Kim Ingram at kcingram@ucanr.edu for more information and a list of RPFs who have participated in our workshop series.