

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Agriculture and Natural Resources

Forest Stewardship Natural Resources Professional Initial Site Visit

Workshop Participant

Thank you for participating in the Forest Stewardship Education workshop. With the development of your Forest Management Plan and/or the completion of the Forest Stewardship Workshop Series, you are eligible for a free consultation by a Natural Resource Professional or a Registered Professional Forester/RPF, to assess your plan and/or help you identify next steps.

*If you are choosing to work with an RPF, please see the handout 'RPF Initial Site Visit'

Choose a Natural Resource Professional as you would any professional – with care. You want one who will look out for your financial and environmental interests and who can explain any associated rules and regulations to you.

Depending on your management goals, the following Natural Resource Professionals may be utilized:

- Certified Burn Boss
- Certified Fire Ecologist/Wildland Fire Manager
- Certified Range Manager
- Professional Surveyor
- SAF Certified Forester

Next Steps

Before contacting a Natural Resource Professional for a site visit, please answer the following questions about your goals for contacting one of the above Natural Resource Professionals (NOT required for an RPF) and return to Kim Ingram (kcingram@ucanr.edu). Approval is required by the Forest Stewardship Steering Committee **before** a site visit for a professional other than an RPF can take place.

1. Do you have an existing forest management plan? If so, what kind? What date was it completed?
2. What type of resource professional are you wanting to contact?

3. Do you already have a particular person or company in mind? (Please provide the name of the resource professional or company)
 4. How do you think this kind of professional can help you move forward with managing your forest?
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Site Visit and Reimbursement Information

After approval by the Forest Stewardship Steering Committee, it is up to the workshop participant to contact and schedule the consultation. What occurs during the visit will depend on the location and size of the property under review. The Forest Stewardship Education workshop will provide the Resource Professional up to \$800 for a site visit, including mileage and travel time. It is estimated this amount will cover some of the following activities:

- In-person site visit
- Review of Forest Management Plan and/or landowner goals
- Walk through the property to familiarize with the forest conditions
- Discussions for next steps, including development of grazing, burn or other plans
- Limited data collection if time allows

Once you have contacted a Resource Professional and scheduled the initial visit, please contact Kim Ingram at kcingram@ucanr.edu and provide the Resource Professional's name and contact information. Kim will reach out to them to provide additional information before the visit.

Honorarium payments will occur after the landowner consultation, with submission of the required reporting form by the Natural Resource Professional.