

Forest Stewardship Annual Report: January to December 2022

Forest Stewardship Education Initiative

The UC ANR Forest Stewardship Education Initiative was developed as a project through input by the Forest Landowner Education and Outreach Working Group of the California Governor's Forest Management Task Force in 2019. Goals of the Forest Stewardship Education Initiative are to educate forest landowners to better understand, manage and protect their forests by developing a forest management plan, engaging with natural resource professionals, and taking advantage of cost-share opportunities that can help them meet their management goals.

Forest stewardship is based on conservation principles that ensure protection of forest resources including wildlife, timber, soil, water recreational opportunities and natural beauty. Forest stewards actively manage their land by following management objectives based on multiple resources, are economically viable and conserve natural resources. Workshops focused on helping landowners become better forest stewards by helping them learn about forestry, forest management and connecting them to cost-share programs and forestry professionals.



Participants collecting forest inventory data during a field day. Butte County. November 2022

Stewardship Workshop Overview

Ten educational workshop events were held in 2022. This included six forest stewardship workshop series completed by a total of 116 people. The workshop series were offered through a hybrid learning style involving online learning assignments, nine weeks of evening zoom meetings, and one in-person field day to view various silvicultural methods and build hands on forestry skills including inventory, mapping, and plant identification.

Issues for private forestland owners in California:

Private non-corporate forest lands make up about 25% of the 33 million acres of forests in California. About 9 million acres are privately owned by individuals, of which 90% own less than 50 acres of forest land. There are more than 75,000 owners with more than 10 acres of forest land.

Many of these landowners would like to do more to manage their landscape for resiliency against the threat of high severity wildfire and massive tree mortality. However, the operational environment for small forest landowners is challenging. Regulatory reform, new markets for wood utilization, and increased human capital and workforce are needed to help increase the pace and scale of forest management on private land.

An additional vital need is outreach and education. Active engagement with educational programs allows landowners to identify management goals and challenges, learn from experts and each other, identify resources, develop a community of practice, and more effectively manage their forest over time.

2022 workshop series were held in:

- San Diego County – January
- Placer-Nevada Counties – March
- Lassen-Modoc Counties – May
- Lake County – June
- Amador-Calaveras Counties – August
- Butte County – October

Since the workshops began in 2020, 368 people have completed one of the 19 workshop series offered.

Additionally, 4 other educational events were offered in 2022. A total of 68 Forest Stewardship participants and/or members of the general public participated to learn more about:

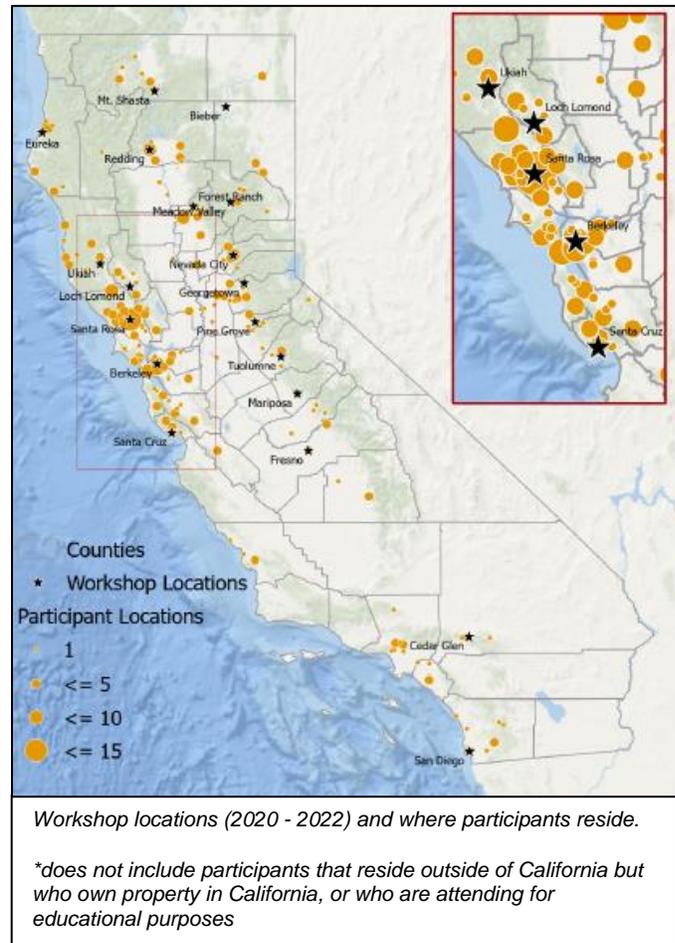
- Assessing Post-fire Tree Mortality– January online
- Targeted Grazing field day – June Nevada County
- Forest Stewardship in Redwood and Coastal Douglas-fir Communities field day – July Mendocino County
- Forest Stewardship & My Sierra Woods Landscape Scale Projects – September Tuolumne County

Program Expansion

In July 2022, we received additional funds to expand program content and outreach, including the addition of 3 new staff members (2 Community Education Specialists and 1 Communications Specialist). Funding was also made available to support the reclassification of the Forest Stewardship Education Coordinator I position to a Coordinator II. Due to recruitment and hiring issues, only one Community Education Specialist was hired for Tuolumne County starting February 13th, 2023. A Communications Specialist was hired starting January 17th, 2023. The Coordinator reclassification is under review. Two program expansion field days were held in 2022.

Workshop Content

The workshop goal is to help participants draft a California Cooperative Forest Management Plan (CCFMP), which can make them eligible for state and federal cost-share programs. Survey data from all workshop participants (2020 – 2022) shows 48% were only slightly familiar or not at all familiar with a management plan or the importance of having a plan, and 69% reported having little to no knowledge about cost-share programs, clearly illustrating the educational need. In contrast, after completing the workshop, 93% reported they were moderately or very aware of what a management plan is and the importance of having one. Additionally, 94% were now somewhat or very aware of cost-share program opportunities, how to apply for them, and how they can be utilized to pay for management activities.



The curriculum relies on the [25-part Forest Stewardship Series](#), a peer-reviewed publication series on forestry and forest management published by UC ANR and targeted at family forest owners. Materials for the workshops are hosted on the California Family Forest website, <https://www.cafamilyforest.org/> and the UC ANR Forest Research and Outreach website, <https://ucanr.edu/forestry/>. Additionally, we offer one special session during each workshop series. The topic of the special session is based on the specific need of each co-hort as identified by the planning committee. Special session topics have included pests and diseases, juniper management, and tree mortality and post-fire disturbance recovery. Content for follow-up workshops is based on participant input (i.e., vegetation management in redwoods and coastal Douglas-fir forests). Subject matter experts structure their presentations around desired knowledge and questions provided by participants ahead of time. Each follow-up workshop also provides ample opportunity for real time questions and answers.

Participants receive additional information on forestry topics through newsletters or blogs almost every month. In 2022, we developed 5 blogs ([Should I Burn? Prescribed Fire Checklist](#); [Forest Management Handbook](#); [Herbicide Use for Treating Invasive Plants](#); [Promoting Forest Resilience with Fewer Trees](#); and [Forest Stewardship Workshop Participants Speak Out](#)) and 5 newsletters:

- [Estate Planning. January 2022](#)
- [California Naturalist. March 2022](#)
- [Managing Invasive Plant Species with Herbicides. June 2022](#)
- [Post-fire Resilience. August 2022](#)
- [Woody Biomass. October 2022](#)

Participants continue to rate the workshop highly. Between 2020 and 2022, 69% of participants rated the workshop as excellent and 27% as very good. They agreed that information presented was informative and comprehensive (61% strongly agreed and 37% agreed), and that presenters were knowledgeable and gave practical advice (71% strongly agreed and 28% agreed). As a result of this workshop, 69% strongly agreed and 29% agreed that they had a better idea of how to develop a forest management plan.

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FOREST RESEARCH AND OUTREACH

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UCANR: Protecting California's natural resources

Forest Stewardship Workshop Participants Speak Out About Their Forest Management Goals and Objectives

Author: Kim Ingram | Published on: November 22, 2022

"We all have a strong emotional attachment to the land and so that's the thing that drives us to work hard to maintain it and keep it healthy."

For those of us within UC ANR who are actively involved with the [Forest Stewardship Education Initiative](#), this participant's comment comes as no surprise. Participant's in the workshops are highly motivated, driven by various goals and objectives, to manage their forests or oak woodlands. UC ANR's goals are to educate forest landowners to better understand, manage and protect their forests by developing a forest management plan, implementing vegetation management projects, engaging with natural resource professionals, and taking advantage of cost-share opportunities that can help them meet their management goals. After three years hosting seventeen workshop series with over 350 participants, five special sessions, and two additional field days, we wanted to know how successful participants have been and how we can continue to support them.

In 2021, project PI [Susie Kocher](#), Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor; co-PI [Kim Ingram](#), Forest Stewardship Academic Coordinator; and Forestry and Natural Resources Advisors and project collaborators [Mike Jones](#) and [Ryan Tompkins](#), conducted interviews of Forest Stewardship participants to help better understand their concerns and management goals.

Feelings about their forestland: Landowners told us how much they enjoy the plants and animals they encounter and that they don't mind putting in the hours of work required to meet their management goals. They want to keep forestland in the family and often talk about the need for succession planning.

"We want to be able to pass on to the next generation. They will keep it in the family and keep it open to family members for recreation and just to be there. It's family history."

Landowner goals and concerns: Many landowners have ecological conservation, restoration, and

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Participants hiking through Redwood and coastal Douglas-fir forest and viewing areas thinned and treated with prescribed fire. Mendocino County. July 2022

Comments from evaluations include:

- *For what this program is, I believe it highly effective in its intentions. Review of the provided reading material and watching the course videos very much helped.*
- *I am a new homeowner. Though I previously rented the house I purchased, I had no knowledge of forest management or planning prior to this class. I am eager to continue learning and keeping in contact as we move forward with our plan to thin trees and brush.*
- *Overall, this workshop was beyond excellent!*
- *I love the Biltmore (CA Tree) stick and am able to take it with me in the woods to identify trees. The field day was great.*
- *I appreciate that the workshop isn't only for forest landowners. (A natural resource agency staff person)*
- *I really appreciate the knowledge, time, and approachability of all of the experts that participated in the presentations. Thank you for bringing this group together and offering this resource.*

Forest Stewardship Awards

In March 2022, we received two Outstanding Educational Materials Bronze Awards from the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP) for our Forest Stewardship Newsletters and our 4-part forest inventory video series. The ANREP Awards Program fosters high standards within the membership, recognize significant achievement, and expand the use of high quality, innovative materials and programs by honoring the outstanding members and partners who developed them.

In October 2022, we were awarded the national Comprehensive Program award by the National Woodland Owners Association and the National Association of University Forest Resources Program (NAUFRP). This awards program recognizes the best individual educational project and the best comprehensive educational program conducted by a NAUFRP member university. There are 80 universities in the organization which was formed in 1981. The comprehensive family forest education program is one that includes a broad educational effort to address a diverse array of family forest issues and problems using a wide range of educational approaches and programs.

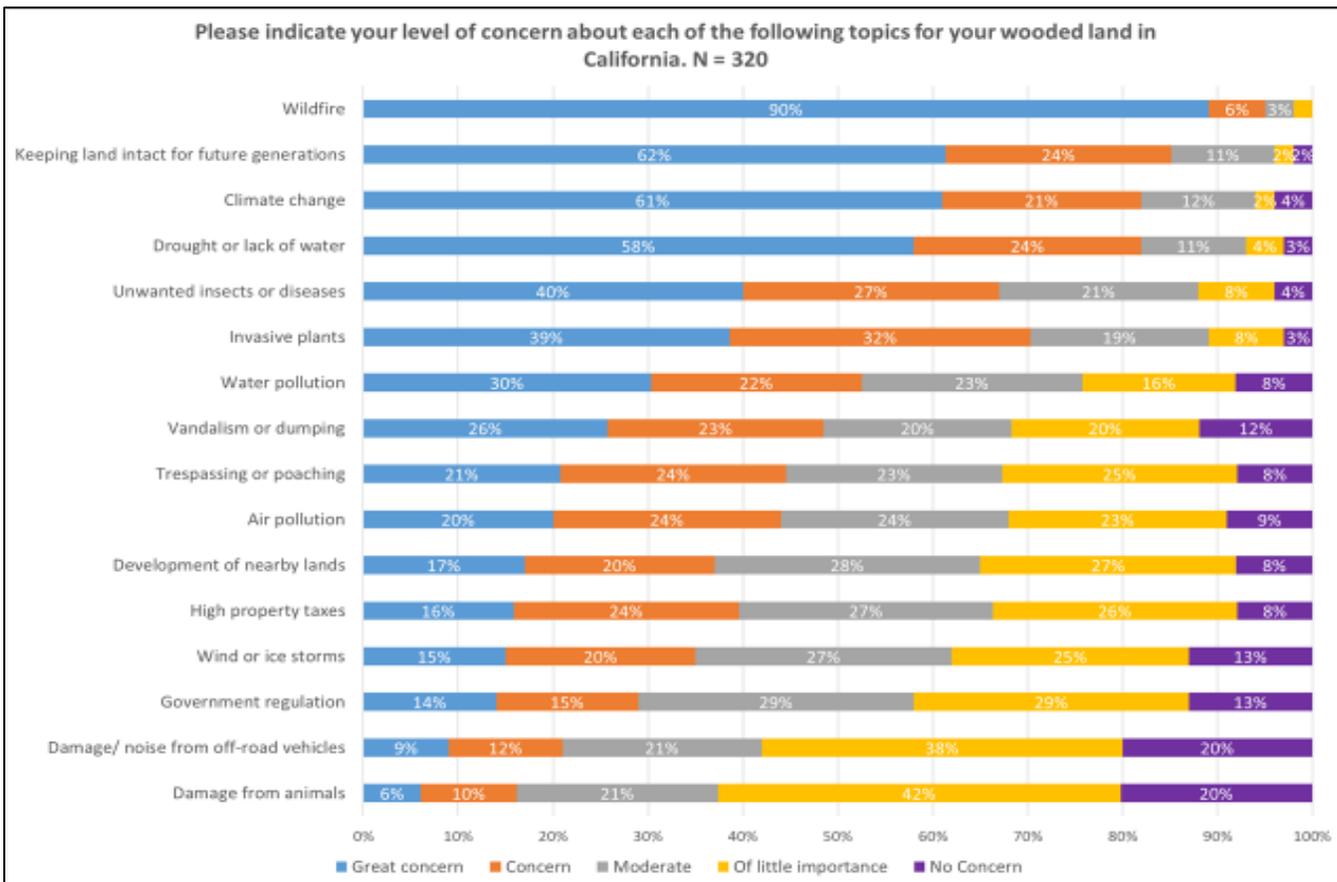
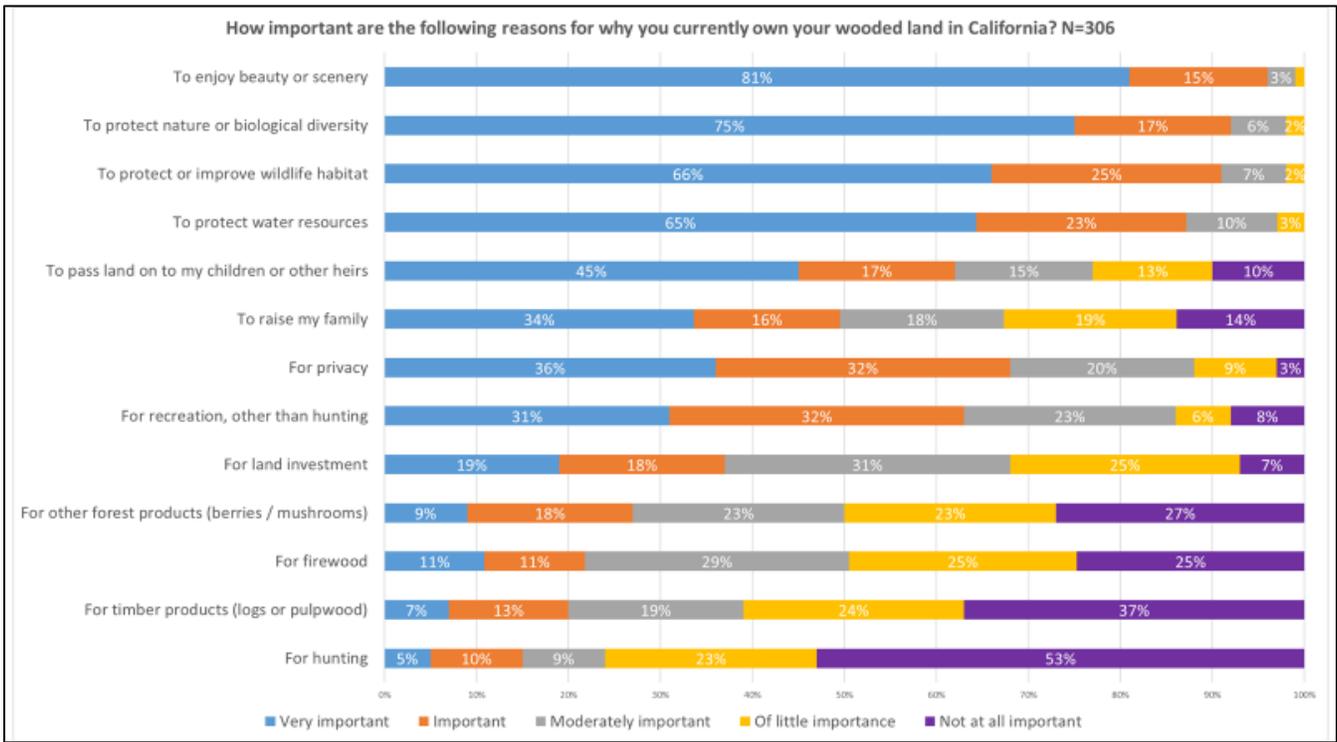
Evaluator's comments on the Forest Stewardship Education Program included:

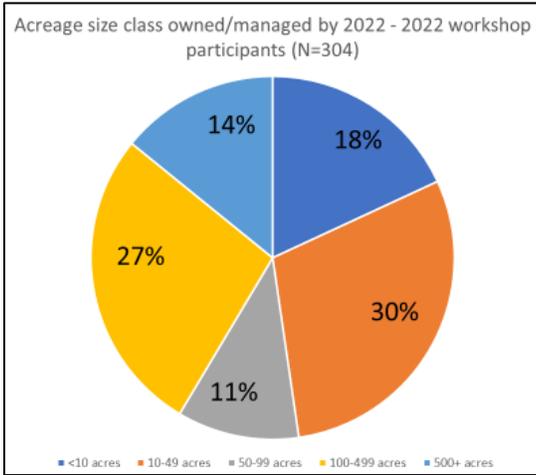
- *"Excellent submission and programming. Highly complementary that personnel follow-up with participants AFTER the program to determine impacts cited."*
- *"Also impressed with recognition in the narrative that program managers would like to reach more private landowners about participating in the program with a benefit/barrier assessment."*
- *"This is a very high-quality program. It easily rates very high in each of the criteria categories. The nomination package was thorough, and it is evident that those involved in the development and delivery of these workshops are knowledgeable and passionate about landowner and professional education. Kudos to California!"*

Stewardship Participant Overview

From the registration and pre-workshop surveys, we gather information about participants' properties, management attitudes and activities, and what concerns they have about owning and managing forestland. Between 2020 and 2022, participants listed similar reasons for owning their land (primarily for beauty, and to

protect biological diversity, wildlife habitat, and water) and express similar concerns (wildfire, keeping their forest land intact, climate change, and drought).





Ownership size: The acres owned or managed by all workshop series participants is fairly evenly distributed amongst the size grouping, with just over half of participants owning 50 or more acres.

Ownership type: 32% of all workshop participants owned their land as an individual or with a partner. 23% owned it with family through partnerships, LLCs or family trusts. 32% had other ownership types. These included non-profits, land trusts, homeowners’ associations, camp managers, local and state parks and open space districts, and community colleges. 3% were tribal members or owned land through tribal allotments. The remaining 10% did not own forestland.

Other information on 2020 - 2022 participants:

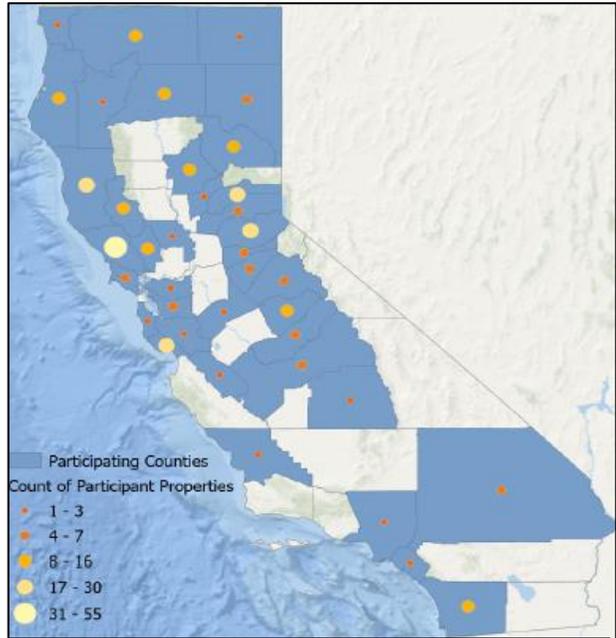
- 58% reside on or within a mile of their forestland.
- 56% purchased the land themselves, and 17% inherited the land. Two participants received their forestland as gifts. The remaining participants do not have direct ownership but may manage the land in some capacity or hold a conservation easement.
- 94% strongly agree or agree that they want their wooded land to stay wooded.
- 69% disagree or strongly disagree that they would sell their land if offered a reasonable price; and
- 88% strongly agree or agree that their wooded land provide benefits to their community.

Forest location and type: 2020 – 2022 participants own land in almost all of the forested counties in California. Forest type includes:

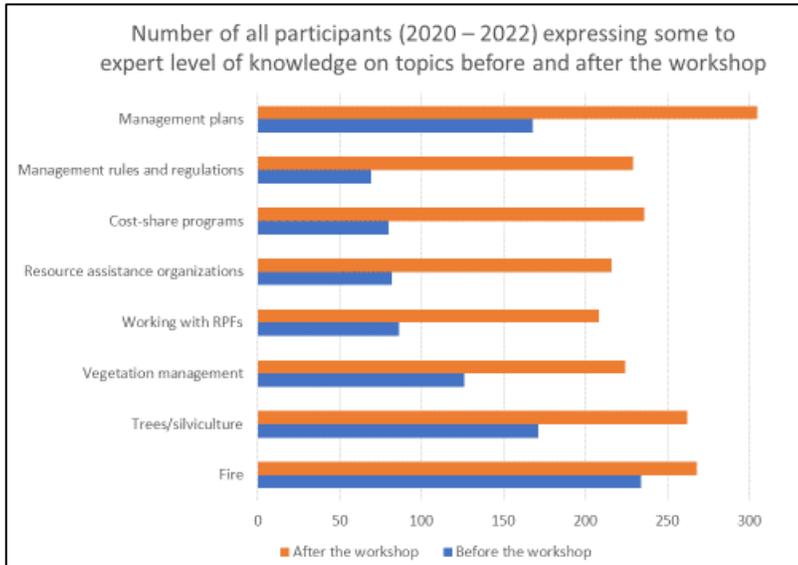
- 26% mixed conifer
- 23% oak woodland
- 17% coast redwood
- 17% Douglas-fir mixed evergreen
- 9% pinyon-juniper



Amador-Calaveras Co-hort during field day to Chaw'se Historical State Park, Amador County, September 2022



Locations of participant properties (2020 – 2022)



Participant Learning Outcomes

During each weekly session, participants rated their knowledge about management topics both before and after the session in order to measure their change in knowledge. As a result of the workshop, participants gained knowledge about all subjects taught, with the most participants gaining knowledge on cost share programs, management plans, management rules and regulations, resource organizations, and working with RPFs.

Workshops around specific forestry topics (part of the program expansion funding) have included both Forest Stewardship Workshop participants and the general public. They also have demonstrated increased learning and excitement over certain management activities. For example, before the ‘Management of Redwoods and coastal Douglas-fir forests’ field day, 17% of participants indicated they knew a lot about the subject. After the workshop, 83% indicated they knew a lot about the subject. When asked before the workshop how familiar they were in creating healthy stands that are sustainable and resilient to disturbance, 33% said they were very familiar. After the workshop, 83% said they were very familiar. Several general public participants have gone on to register for the full Forest Stewardship Workshop series.

Comments from evaluations include:

- “I got a lot from this field day. It was very informative to tour Rx burn units and compare them to untreated areas.”
- “Wonderful to be among like-minded land stewards from my local area! Hope to stay connected with many!”
- “Very grateful for the info and want to learn more.”
- “Thank you! More please!”



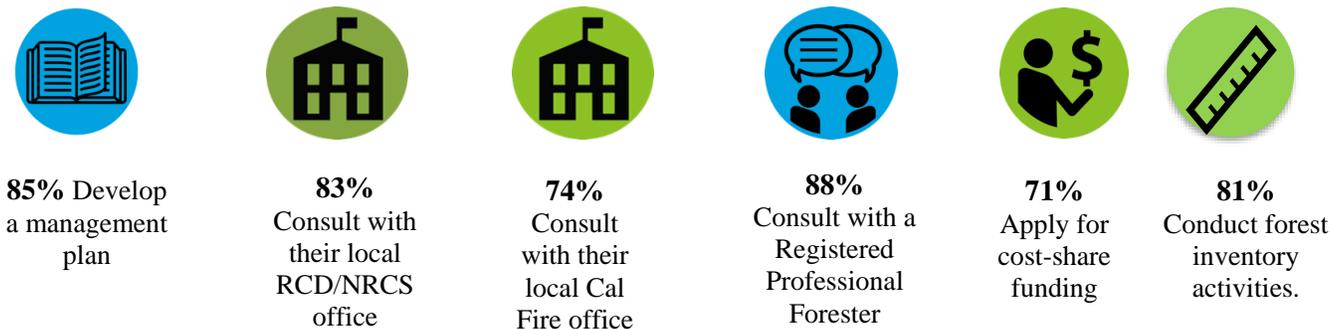
Field day for Lake Co-hort participants at Cobb Mountain Art and Ecology Project, Lake County, July 2022



My Sierra Woods and Forest Stewardship Field Day collaborator using the CA Tree Stick, Tuolumne County, September 2022

Program Impacts

Participants who completed all workshop series were asked to complete an on-line survey indicating their intentions for action. On the survey, over three quarters indicated they planned to develop a management plan, consult with their local NRCS/ RCD offices and consult with a Registered Professional Forester. Additionally, participants are showing an interest in doing more hands-on work themselves to learn about their forests. The percentage who very much or definitely plan to carry out a specific action is listed below:

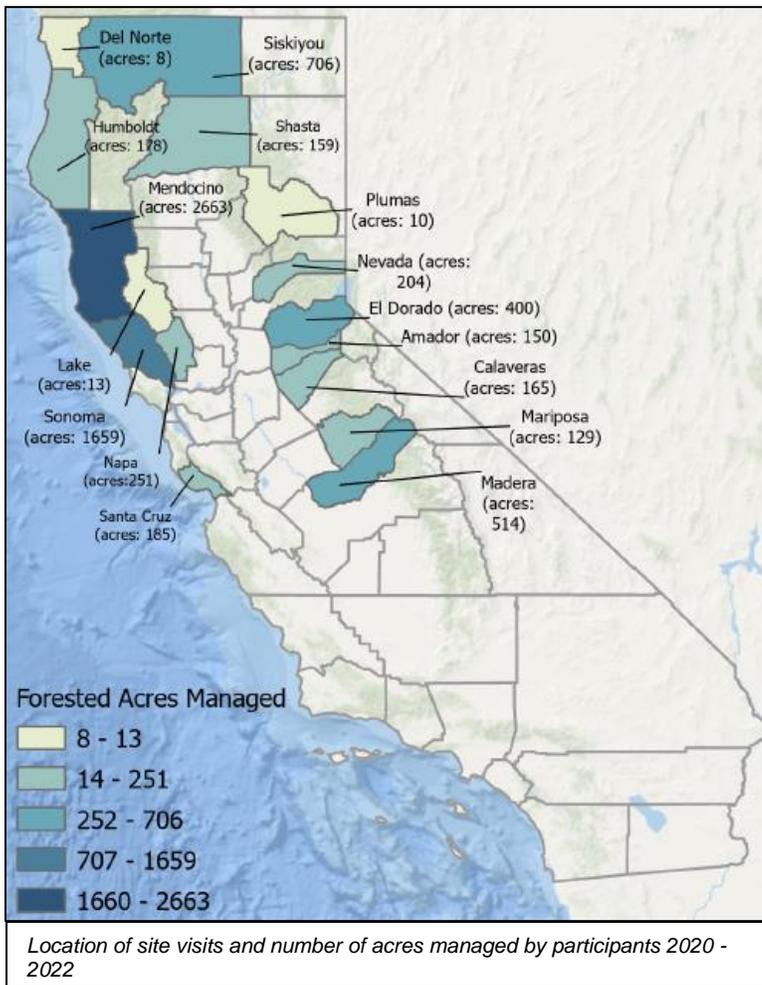


Participants were also asked on the survey about their willingness to implement certain forest management activities. The percentage of participants who very much or definitely plan to carry out a specific action includes:

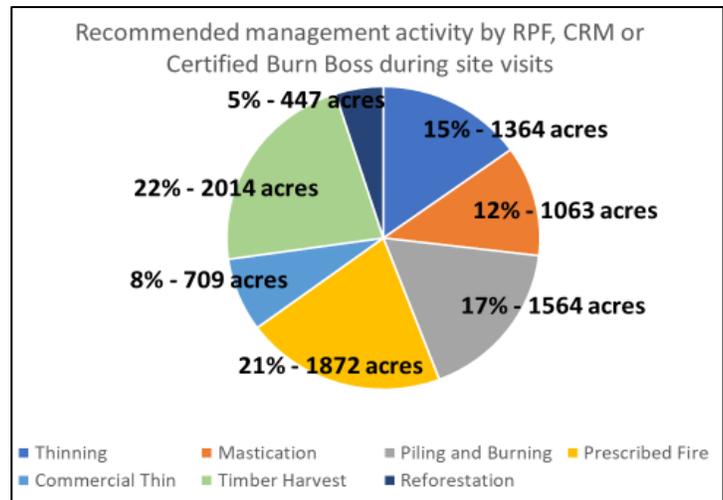
- 97% - Fuels reduction
- 88% - Tree thinning
- 76% - Prescribed fire
- 60% - Reforestation
- 37% - Timber harvest

Initial Site Visits

Completion of the workshop series entitles participants to a free initial site visit by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), Certified Range Manager (CRM) or California Certified Burn Boss. These professionals are paid an \$800 stipend by the program. The goal of this visit is for the RPF, CRM or Burn Boss to assess participants’ plans and goals and identify management practices to meet their goals. It’s also to help landowners learn more about their services and potentially set up an on-going relationship with them. Twenty-seven consulting RPFs, four NRCS/RCD foresters,



and one CRM have assisted participants with initial site visits since the program started. A total of 64 participants had initial site visits by the end of 2022. Together these participants manage over 7,406 acres of forested lands. Management recommendations include a variety of practices, with the most common recommendations being timber harvest, prescribed fire, piling and burning, and thinning.



Landowner shows workshop participants his pickup truck equipped to do thinning, pile burning and prescribed burns on his property. Lake County, July 2022.

Participant Goals and Barriers

In 2021 and early 2022, Kim Ingram, Susie Kocher, Ryan Tompkins and Mike Jones, conducted an interview project with a subset of workshop participants to explore in more depth their forest management philosophy, goals, activities, barriers, and impacts the workshop has had. Additionally, we used data collected on our registration survey (N=458) and follow up assessment (N=319) based on the USDA Forest Service National Woodland Owner Survey 2018, to identify workshop participants' concerns and practices.

Interview Project Take-aways and Recommendations

Interviewed participant's goals and concerns mirror those of the larger pool of workshop participants. (Goals and concerns reported above). The vast majority reported doing or paying for management activities themselves and only half had received any technical advice on managing their land in the last five years. Unsurprisingly, they identified costs, time and lack of contractors as major barriers in accomplishing forest management on their properties.

Though forest health and wildfire have been topics of great discussion over the past several years, and many workshop participants have been directly impacted by wildfire themselves, interview participants support the need for more education and outreach around these topics. Additionally, they expressed the need for greater understanding and recognition of natural resource professional experience and expertise within their local communities.

We developed recommendations for natural resources agencies, non-governmental organizations, landowner assistance groups, local governments, landowners, and the Forest Stewardship Education Program to help landowners reach their management goals and to increase the pace and scale of management on private lands.

Some recommendation include:

- Amplifying landowners' voices to help other Californians understand their attachment to their forested landscape;
- Featuring legacy planning as an outreach means to work with landowners on stewardship more broadly;
- Help landowners who have merchantable timber on their property to understand that this value can be used to reach other goals;
- Help landowners learn skills to conduct forest management activities themselves;
- Help landowners network with each other to implement larger scale projects that can reach an economy of scale; and
- Develop a means to connect landowners with contractors that can carry out management activities on their land.

A full summary report with additional recommendations can be found on the [Forest Stewardship website](#).

Post-fire Forest Resilience Education Program

In addition to the Stewardship Program, our steering committee has also provided guidance for the Post-fire Forest Resilience Program. This new UCCE program is modeled after the Forest Stewardship Education Program and provides education and outreach to private forest landowners who have been impacted by wildfire. This program is fully funded by the USFS.



Participants learn about the post-fire landscape in the Caldor burn scar, October 2022.

The UC ANR Post-fire forest Resilience Program started in 2022. The goal is to both assist private forest landowners who were affected by wildfires between 2019 and 2021, and the collaborators who serve them. This initiative, funded by the USFS State and Private Forestry through 2026, helps expand UCCE outreach and technical assistance to forest landowners to better meet their needs after wildfire. The program includes a

Post-fire forest challenges in California: The extent and severity of wildfires in California forests has increased dramatically in the last decade. Many small private forest landowners need assistance to address impacts and restore their forests. Outreach and education about post-fire resilience will provide landowners and collaborators science-based information on post-fire management practices, connections with post-fire professionals and information on resources to manage their own lands.

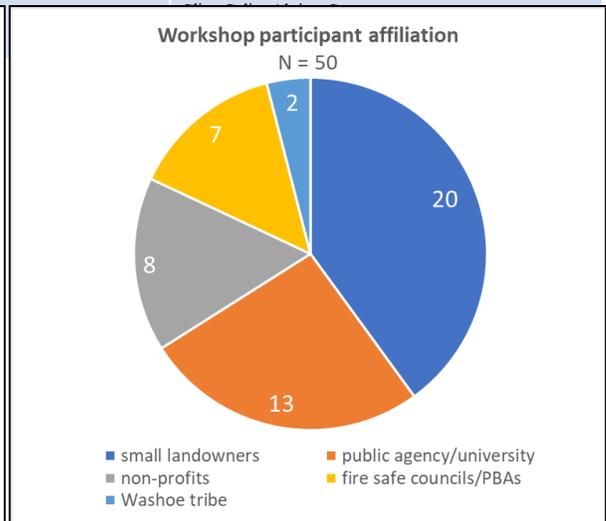
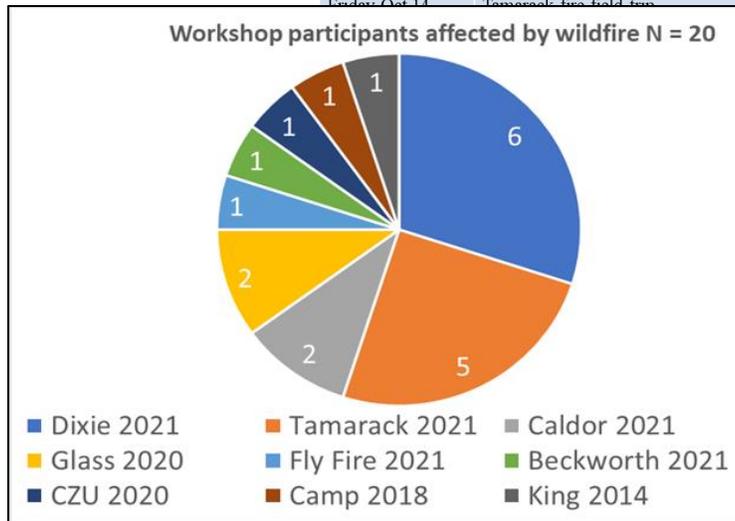
workshop series that delivers educational resources and information for forest landowners and communities recovering from wildfire, a reforestation needs assessment, and learning lessons from Emergency Forest Restoration Teams that assist landowners.

Post-fire Workshop Overview

The first workshop was held in September and October 2022 with a focus on the Dixie, Caldor or Tamarack fires. There were six weekly evening zoom sessions, followed by three field trips. Each field trip visited a different fire. The sessions covered important concepts for post-fire forest management including increasing disturbance in California forests, impacts of specific fires, dealing with snags and erosion, salvage logging and slash treatments, reforestation, vegetation control and landowner assistance organizations.

The first workshop series had 60 registered participants all with diverse affiliations. The most common affiliation was private landowners, though there were also participants from state, federal and local agencies, and tribal members (see graph below – note that only 50 took the survey). Twenty participants indicated that they were directly affected by wildfires, with most affected by the wildfires

Date	Topic	Speakers
Tuesday, Sept 6 (6:00 – 7:30pm - Zoom)	Overview of the post-fire forest management challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing disturbances in Sierra Nevada forests Landowner concerns after wildfire Time frame and steps needed for reforestation Landowner support groups & financial assistance	Susie Kocher, UCCE Richard Harris, El Dorado RCD -Caldor Fire Julia Sidman, Feather River RCD - Dixie Fire Craig Celio, Alpine County - Tamarack Fire
Tuesday, Sep 13 (6:00 – 7:30pm)	Snags and safety - Snags/ hazard trees, marking guidelines, snag longevity Erosion control concepts, methods, locations, timing	Beverly Bulaon, USFS Forest Health, entomologist Todd Ellsworth, USFS R5, post fire recovery
Tuesday, Sep 20 (6:00 – 7:30pm Zoom)	Dealing with dead trees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological reasons for debris removal Salvage logging, Slash treatment methods, Site prep 	Ryan Tompkins, UCCE Richard Harris, El Dorado RCD, Caldor Fire John Pickett, RPF - Tamarack Fire
Tuesday, Sep 27 (6:00 – 7:30pm Zoom)	Reforestation in a time of climate change - Seedling orders/ climate change considerations/ planting – planting at large scale, clusters – planting on private lands	Dana Walsh, USFS S&P / Bob Rynearson, RPF W M Beatty and Assoc
Tuesday, Oct 4 (6:00 – 7:30pm zoom)	Dealing with competing vegetation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competing vegetation control Use of herbicides to control woody vegetation Invasive weeds in the burn areas 	Rob York, UCCE Rick Satomi, UCCE LeeAnn Mila, El Dorado County Asst Ag Commissioner
Tuesday, Oct 11 (6:00 – 7:30pm zoom)	Field trip prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview and maps of each fire and the impacts on private land 	Annabelle Monti, Humboldt Toiyabe NF - Tamarack Ernie Lory, Grizzly Flats FSC – Caldor Fire Ryan Tompkins, UCCE – Dixie
Wed, Oct 12, 10:00am -3:00pm)	Dixie fire field trip – Met in Greenville	Ryan Tompkins, UCCE Julia Sidman, Feather River RCD
Thursday Oct 13, (10:00 – 3:00pm)	Caldor fire field trip – Met in Grizzly Flats	Richard Harris, El Dorado RCD Jim Davies, El Dorado RCD
Friday, Oct 14, (10:00 – 3:00pm)	Tamarack fire field trip – Met in Greenville	Ryan Tompkins, UCCE Julia Sidman, Feather River RCD



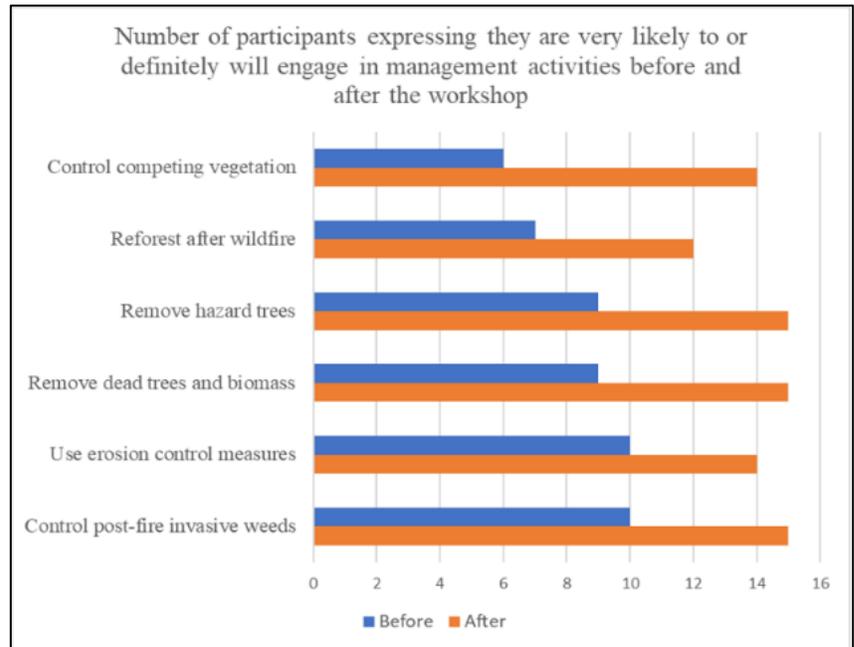
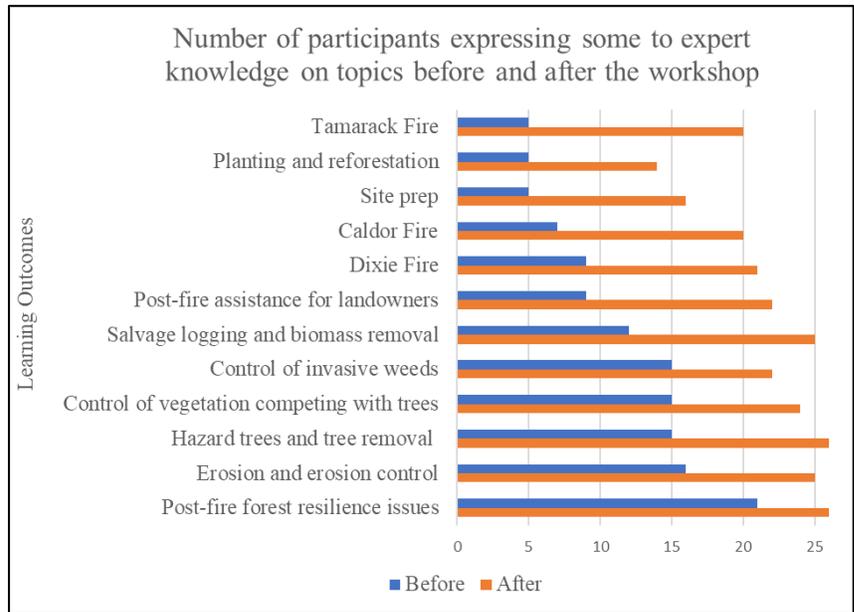
targeted by the workshop (Dixie, Caldor, Tamarack) and the rest affected by other fires as far back as 2014.

Workshop Learning Outcomes

Overall, the workshop was highly rated by the participants with 76% rating it as excellent or very good. Learning outcomes showed growth in many subject areas covered by the workshop. Participants learned about individual fires, post fire assistance programs, hazard tree removal and planting and reforestation practices.



Participants evaluate new tree seedlings in the post-fire landscape in the Caldor burn scar, October 2022.



In addition, twice as many participants said they were likely to use practices for controlling competing vegetation after the workshop, and more said they would reforest, remove hazard trees and control invasive weeds than said they would have before the workshop.

Upcoming Workshops

After the success of the initial workshop series, we plan four to five more in the upcoming year. On February 1st a new session began in Mariposa, Madera, and Fresno counties. This session will be 7 weeks, with evening sessions including an additional specialized session to discuss grazing post-fire, as it is an important issue for this region. Additional workshops are in the planning stages, to be held in Napa, Siskiyou, Trinity, and Santa Cruz counties in 2023. Interested participants can sign up on this website: <http://ucanr.edu/post-fireworkshops>.



Dixie fire field day looking at water bars and a water crossing on private land, October 2022.



Dead trees in an area treated with mastication after the Dixie Fire, October 2022.

Build Awareness of Post-fire Restoration Practices

We are developing a priority list of materials needed for post-fire education. California has many different types of forested ecosystems, most of which require a slightly different approach to restore resilience after wildfire. The first two workshops were in mixed conifer systems where a lot of post-fire science has been conducted. Unfortunately, there is less information on other types of forest systems such as redwoods and oak woodlands. We are overcoming this lack of information by working closely with UC ANR researchers and local collaborators in each area to customize the curriculum for that ecosystem. We plan to have adapted materials for the Napa cohort by May 2023. For broader audiences, will develop a communications plan to disseminate materials to appropriate audiences thru media, social media, and web platforms.

Reforestation Needs Assessment

The program is also conducting a needs assessment to identify private forest landowners throughout the state that needs assistance with post-fire forest treatments. We have developed an agreement with American Forests to complete a GIS analysis for the Reforestation on Private. Work started in January 2023 and we plan to have a draft report by July 2023.

Emergency Forest Restoration Teams Lessons Learned

The program team is conducting interviews with “key informants” in Caldor, Dixie & Tamarack EFRTs. We plan to have an interim EFRT “lessons-learned” report mid-2023. We will conduct interviews with landowners served by EFRT programs and conduct ecological monitoring on areas treated late 2023.



New seedlings planted after the Tamarack Fire, October 2022.

Collaboration

Both workshop series are held in collaboration with local, state and federal governments, community-based organizations, nonprofits and private industry partners including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Resource Conservation Districts, Fire Safe Councils, Cal Fire and the US Forest Service. Workshop partners have participated on planning committees, provided location and logistical support, given presentations, participated in group breakout sessions, and assisted workshop participants in plan development. This collaboration allows participants to share knowledge and develop relationships with local agencies and professionals. Stewardship participants rely on these relationships with RPFs to develop their forest management plans and use the contacts they've made with Cal-Fire and RCDs to then apply for CFIP and EQIP cost-share opportunities.

Many thanks to our steering committee of leaders from partner organizations that give input on implementation of the initiative. We meet every other month to review progress and get advice on next steps. Thanks to 2022 Steering Committee members:

- Larry Camp – Forest Landowners of California
- Kevin Conway and Stew McMorrow - Cal Fire
- Tracy Katelman – ForEverGreen Forestry
- Ryan Reger and Emily Rogers – California Association of RCDs
- Martin Twer – The Watershed Research and Training Center
- Dana Walsh - USFS
- Jason Wells – Sonoma County RCD



About the effort: The Forest Stewardship Education Initiative was developed based on a recommendation by the Forest Management Task Force's Forest Landowner Outreach and Education Working Group and began in 2019. It's funded by CalFire until 2024. The Post-Fire Forest Resilience Program was developed with funding from the US Forest Service State and Private Forestry starting in 2022 with funding until 2026.

Both efforts are directed by UC ANR Forestry Advisor Susie Kocher sdkocher@ucanr.edu (Registered Professional Forester #2874). The Stewardship Initiative is coordinated by Kim Ingram, kcingram@ucanr.edu, and the Post-Fire Program is coordinated by Katie Reidy kkreidy@ucanr.edu. Both programs are supported by UC ANR Forestry Advisors Mike Jones mjones@ucdavis.edu, Ryan Tompkins retompkins@ucanr.edu, Rick Satomi rpsatomi@ucanr.edu and Yana Valachovic yvala@ucanr.edu. For more information, see <http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshops/> and <http://ucanr.edu/post-fireworkshops>.

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