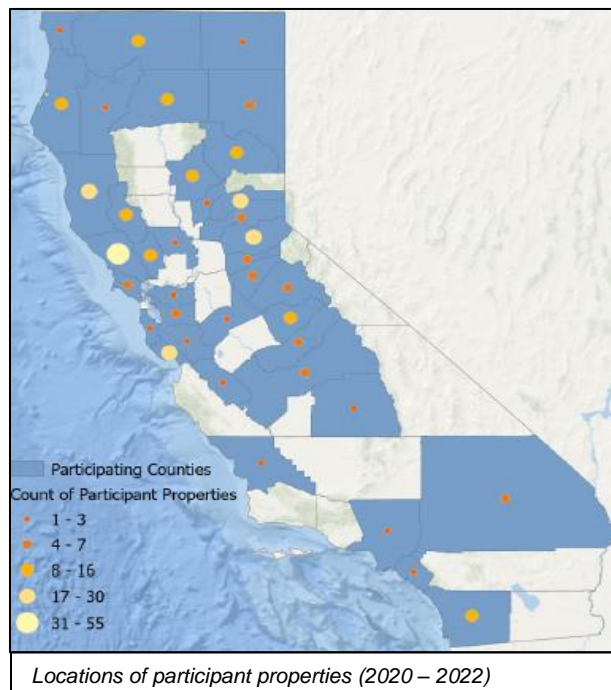


Forest Stewardship and Post-fire Forest Resilience Projects 2022 Annual Report Synopsis

Forest Stewardship Program: The UC ANR Forest Stewardship Education Initiative was launched in 2019 to implement a recommendation by the Forest Landowner Education and Outreach Working Group of the California Governor’s Forest Management Task Force. 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. Since the workshops began in 2020, 368 people have completed one of the 19 workshop series offered across the state.

Program Impacts and Outcomes: Based on post-workshop participant survey data, the percentage who very much or definitely plan to carry out a specific action includes:

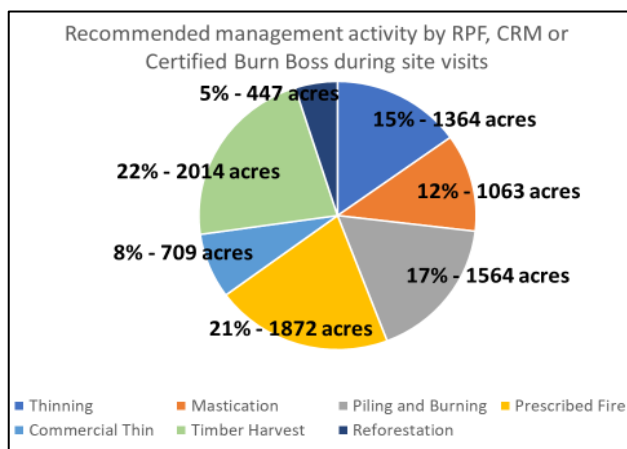


85%	83%	74%	88%	71%	81%
Develop a management plan	Consult with local RCD/NRCS	Consult with local Cal Fire unit	Consult with an RPF	Apply for cost-share funding	Conduct forest inventory activities

Specific management activities participants very much or definitely plan to carry out after the workshop includes:

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

Completion of the workshop series entitled participants to a free initial site visit by a Registered Professional Forester who is paid an \$800 stipend by the program. The goal of this visit is for the RPF to assess participants’ plans and goals and identify appropriate management practices. It’s also to help landowners learn more about RPF services and potentially set up an on-going relationship with a forester. 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 land.

Forest Stewardship Awards: In 2022, the program 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 program was also awarded the national Comprehensive Program award by the National Woodland Owners Association and the National Association of University Forest Resources Program (NAUFRP).

Post-fire Forest Resilience Program: 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 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. One workshop series was held in 2022 and 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. Twenty participants indicated that they were directly affected by wildfires.

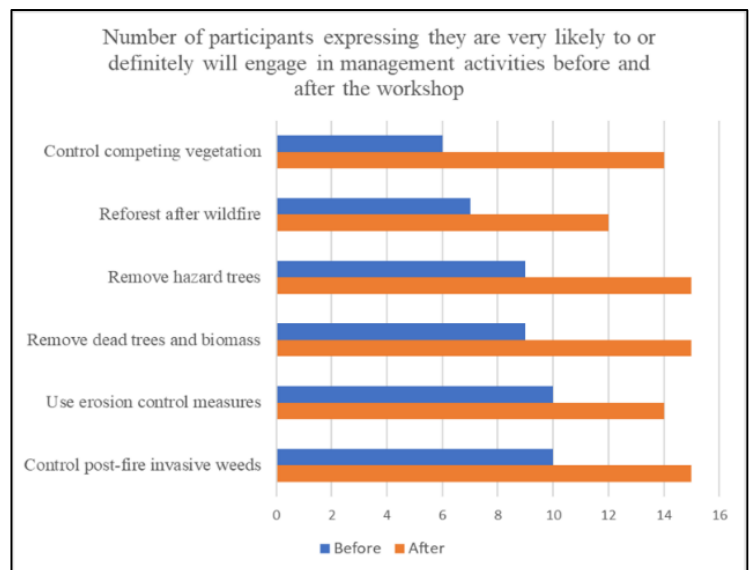
Program Impacts and Outcomes: The workshop was highly rated by the participants with 76% rating it as excellent or very good. Participants learned about individual fires, post fire assistance programs, hazard tree removal and planting and reforestation practices. In addition, twice as many participants 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.

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. Unfortunately, there is less information on 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.

Reforestation Needs Assessment: The program is also conducting a needs assessment to identify private forest landowners throughout the state that need assistance with post-fire forest treatments. We have developed an agreement with American Forests to complete a GIS analysis for the needs assessment on private lands.

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.



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