



UC ANR Forest Stewardship Programs 2024 Annual Report



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FOREST STEWARDSHIP, BEFORE AND AFTER FIRE

In 2024, the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) expanded forest stewardship program offering our workshop series in new locations, hosting the first California Tree Schools, and increasing our communications and outreach. We reached new audiences, including new private forest landowners seeking to improve the resilience of their forests as well as forestry professionals seeking professional development, and students looking to get into the forestry sector. The UC ANR Forest Stewardship Education Program, begun in 2020, and the Post-fire Forest Resilience Education Program, begun in 2022, focused on the delivery of an up-to-date science-based forestry and natural resources curriculum using a hybrid on-line and in-person format. Both of



Photo 4: UC ANR Forest Stewardship Program, Post-fire Forest Resilience Program and UC Fire Network Group at CA Tree School Placerville, June 2024.

these weeks-long workshop series helped people learn about and implement practices that enhance forest health and resilience before and after wildfires. And through California Tree School and our stepped-up communications strategy, we reached many more people who have not gone through our educational programs before. We look forward to expanding in 2025!

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. The goals of the 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 market or cost-share opportunities that can help them meet their management goals.

Since the workshops began in 2020, 549 people have completed one of the 28 nine-week series offered (Figure 1).

FOREST STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS

Twelve educational events were held in 2024. This included four nine-week stewardship workshop series completed by 64 participants. These four 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.

2024 workshop series were held in:

- Fresno-Madera Counties – March
- Lake Tahoe Basin – May
- San Luis Obispo County – August
- Humboldt County – October



Eight additional individual educational events were offered in 2024. A total of 305 Forest Stewardship participants and/or other people participated to learn more about forest topics. Events included:



Photo 5. Participants at the Richmond Field Station field day in front of a small kiln.

Photo by Campbell Ingram

- Richmond Field Station (wood processing facility) field day - February
- Bears in the Woods webinar – March.
- Mendocino Redwood Company Mill Tour field day – May.
- Two California Tree School day-long events, Hopland - May and Placerville – June.
- Coast Redwoods Management Pre- and Post-fire webinar – June.
- Riparian Forest Vegetation Management webinar – September
- White & Black Oak Management webinar - December

WORKSHOP CONTENT

A workshop goal is to help participants draft sections of the California Cooperative Forest Management Plan (CCFMP), which can assist them with implementation of forest management projects and make them eligible for state and federal cost-share programs. Data from a survey taken by all participants (2020 – 2024) before the workshop shows 56% at least somewhat understood the importance of having a management plan and 32% had some knowledge about cost-share programs. In contrast, after completing the workshop, 93% reported they were somewhat or very aware of what a management plan is and the importance of having one. Additionally, 92% were 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.

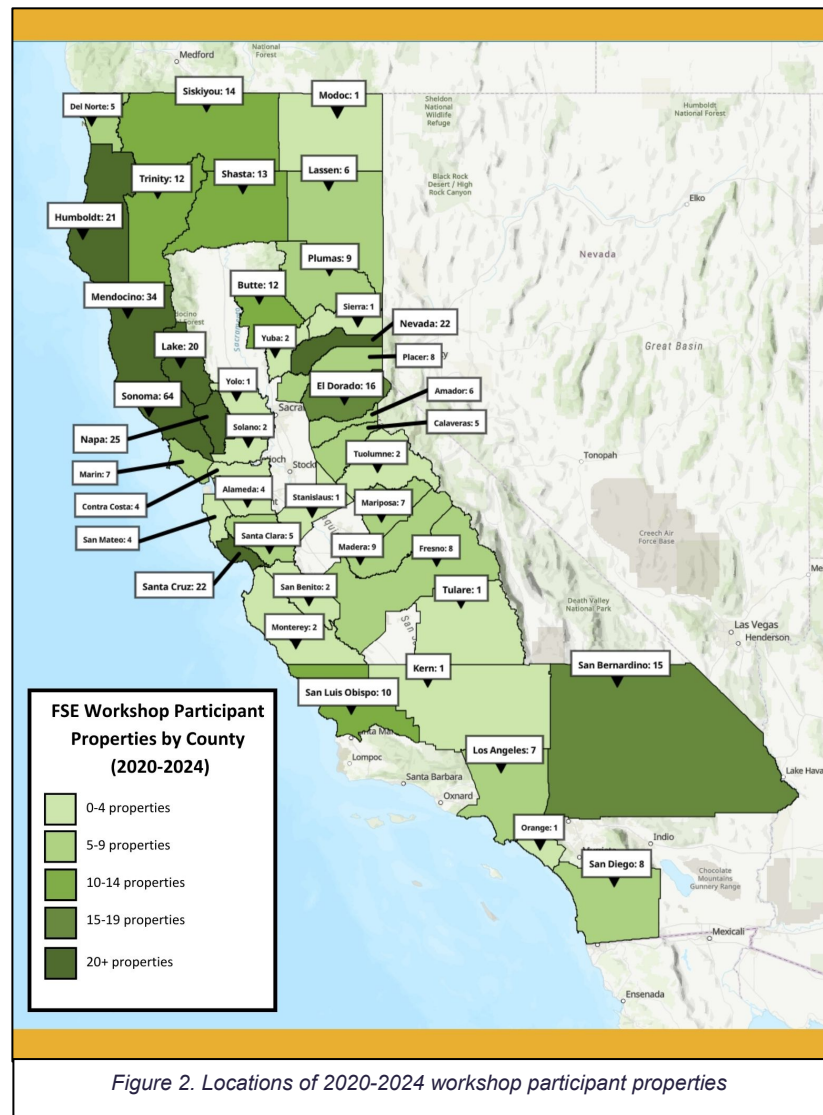
The curriculum relies on the [26-part Forest Stewardship Series](#), a peer-reviewed publication series on forestry and forest management published by UC ANR and targeted at family forest owners. Materials for the workshops are hosted on the California Family Forest website, <https://www.cafamilyforest.org/> 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 cohort as identified by the planning committee. Special session topics in 2024 included targeted grazing, bark beetles, working with tribes, and prescribed fire use in redwood systems and oak woodlands. Content for follow-up workshops is based on participant input. Subject matter experts structure their presentations around desired knowledge and questions provided by participants ahead of time.

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 2024, participants continue to highly rank ecological and aesthetic reasons for owning their land (primarily for beauty, and to protect biological diversity, wildlife habitat, and water resources) over utilitarian reasons (hunting, timber production and firewood). Additionally, participants continue to express high levels of concern relating to wildfire, drought, keeping their forest land intact, and climate change. 57% of participants stated that their home (primary residence) is on or within a mile of their forested property.

Ownership size and location: The acres owned or managed by all workshop series participants are fairly evenly distributed amongst the size groupings, with the largest single grouping owning 10-49 acres at 27%, and 57% owning or managing 50 or more acres. Participants own forestland across most of California with a higher concentration on the north coast (Figure 2).

Ownership type: 38% of all workshop participants owned their land as an individual or with a partner (including other family members or friends). 22% owned land with families through partnerships, LLCs or family trusts. 31% had other ownership types. These included non-profits, land trusts, homeowners' associations, camps, businesses, local and state parks and open space districts, and community colleges. 2% were tribal members or owned land through tribal allotments.



PARTICIPANT LEARNING OUTCOMES

During each weekly session, participants rated their knowledge about management topics both before and after the session. As a result of the workshop, participants gained knowledge about all subjects taught, with participants gaining the most knowledge on management rules and regulations, cost share programs, resource organizations, and working with RPFs (Figure 3). Workshops and field days focused on specific forestry topics 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, during the Richmond Field Station field day, there were discussions and demonstrations on the use of portable sawmills and solar kilns.

85% 'Strongly Agreed' that the information presented at the field day was informative & comprehensive. Before their participation in the 'Riparian Habitat and Vegetation Management' webinar, 63% expressed their level of knowledge on management activities for forested riparian ecosystems as somewhat to an expert level of knowledge. After the webinar, 100% expressed their level of knowledge as somewhat to an expert level of knowledge.

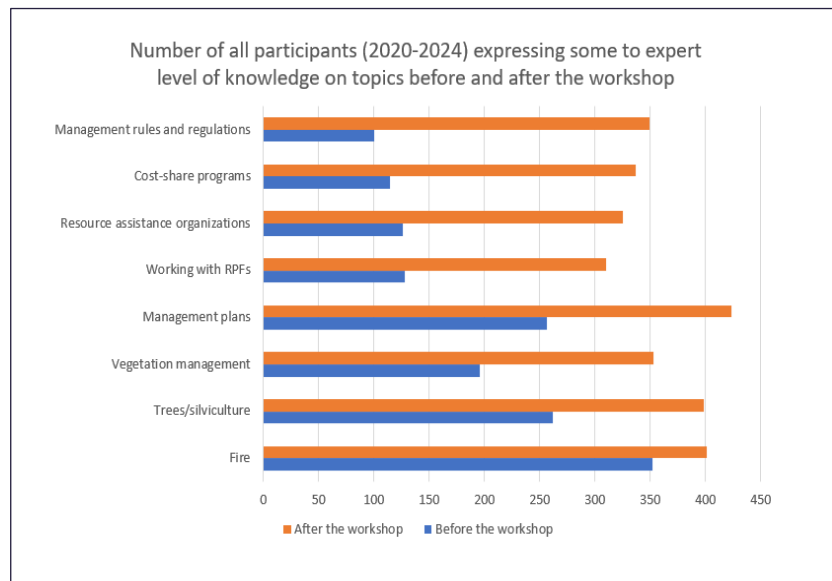


Figure 3. Workshop topic learning outcomes.

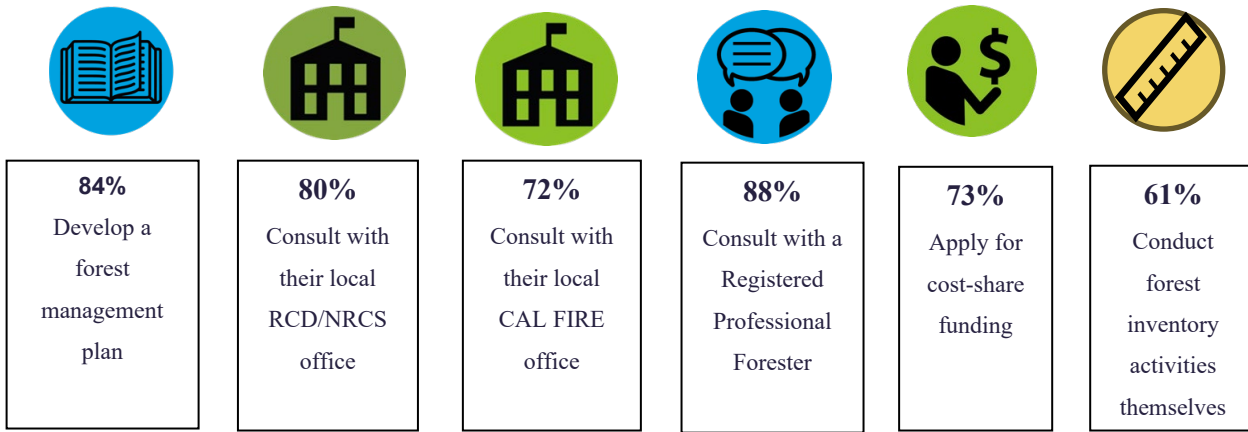
Participants continue to rate the workshop highly. Between 2020 and 2024, 93% of participants rated the workshop as excellent or very good. They agreed that the information presented was informative and comprehensive (64% strongly agreed and 35% agreed), and that presenters were knowledgeable and gave practical advice (71% strongly agreed and 28% agreed). As a result of this workshop, 70% strongly agreed and 28% agreed that they had a better idea of how to develop a forest management plan.

Comments from participant evaluations include:

- *This was my second time taking the workshop, and I really got a lot more out of it this time. I think it was because I had a bigger overview of the subjects and had time in between the first and second pass through to assimilate everything.*
- *This information gave me a broader understanding across a range of forestry topics.*
- *CAL FIRE colleagues recommended the class to see what type of information they look at when out on site. It gives a better talking point to fuel load needs and restoration techniques.*
- *This was so well organized, so thoughtful, and amazing presenters and moderators.*
- *Great field day! Very knowledgeable leaders & speakers. So glad these were hands-on activities, really useful and a great opportunity to ask questions.*
- *Awesome workshop!*

PROGRAM IMPACTS

Participants who complete the workshop series are asked to complete an on-line survey indicating their intentions for action. The percentage of participants (2020-2024) who very much or definitely plan to carry out a specific action include:



Participants were also asked on the post-workshop 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:

- 95% - Fuels reduction
- 87% - Tree thinning
- 76% - Prescribed fire
- 69% - Collaborate with neighbors
- 61% - Reforestation work
- 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. Thirty-nine consulting RPFs, four NRCS/RCD foresters, and two CRMs have assisted participants with initial site visits since

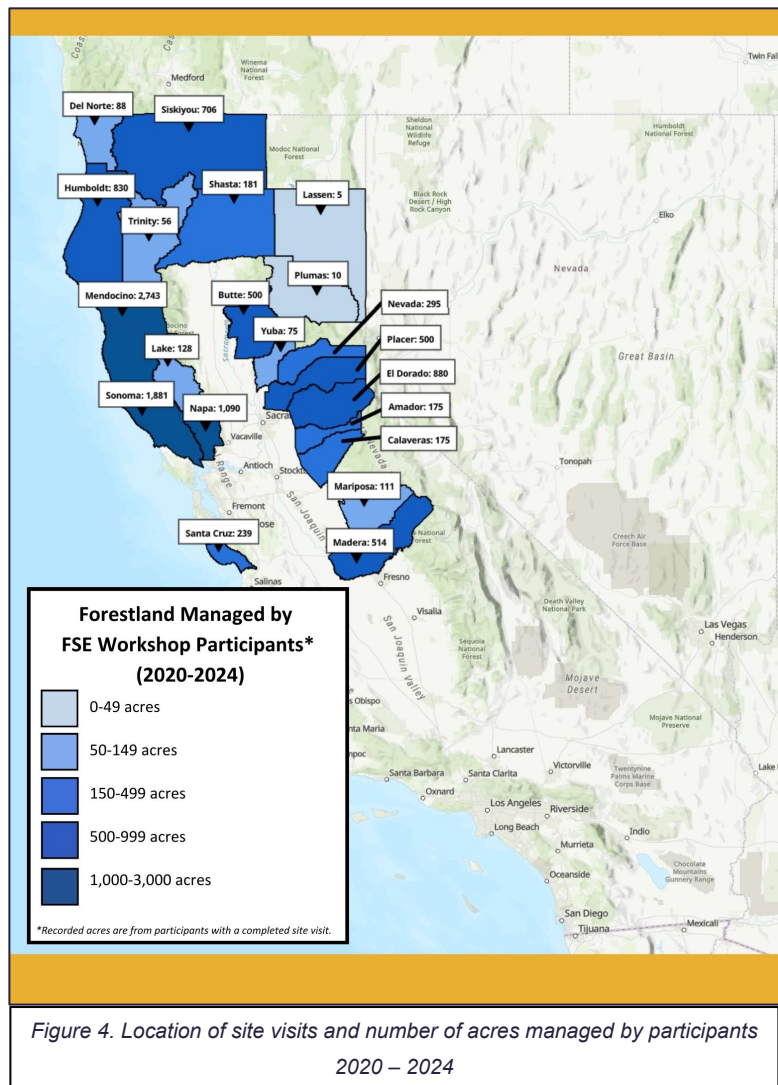
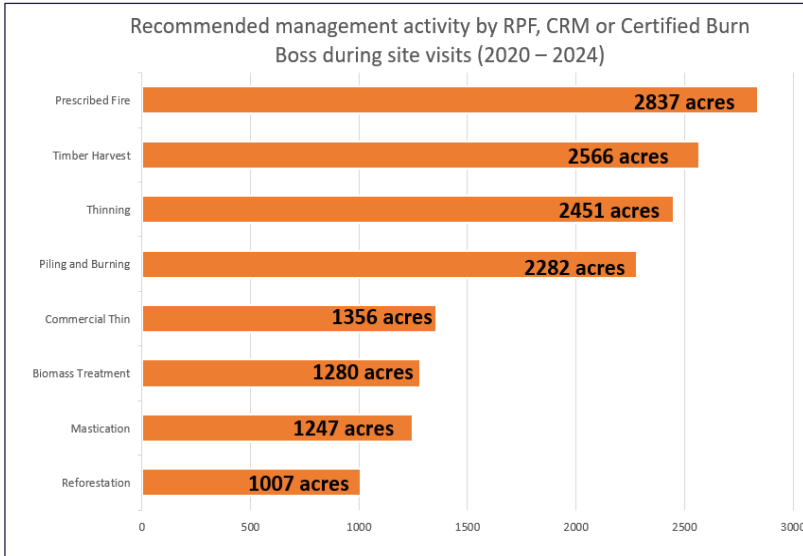


Figure 4. Location of site visits and number of acres managed by participants 2020 – 2024

the program started. A total of 106 participants had initial site visits by the end of 2024 (Figure 4).



Together these participants manage over 11,182 acres of forested land. Management recommendations include a variety of practices, with the most common recommendations being timber harvest, prescribed fire, piling and burning, and thinning (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Management activities recommended by natural resource professional during initial site visits. Total of 15,026 acres include acres with more than one recommended treatment.

Photo 6 Lake Tahoe Basin Cohort participants measuring regeneration. Photo by Kim Ingram



Photo 7. Humboldt Cohort participant and Forestry Advisor Yana Valachovic looking at a tree core sample. Photo by Kim Ingram

POST-FIRE FOREST RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The focus of this program is to assist and educate private forest landowners after catastrophic wildfire. The Post-Fire Resilience Program received funding from the USFS State and Private Forestry division in March 2022. While there have been many fires in CA in recent years, this program focuses on fires that burned within the 2019-2021 fire years, along with other historical and more recent fires. We provide post-fire education through workshops, developing and disseminating educational materials, and assessing landowner needs and the effectiveness of post fire landowner assistance programs. A total of 234 people have registered for the workshop series since its inception.

POST-FIRE RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS

In 2024, our program hosted three successful workshop series for 86 people, bringing the number of people who registered for a workshop to 234 since the program inception in 2022. The workshops consisted of five to seven weeks of weekly zoom sessions and an in-person field trip day to illustrate post-fire forest management strategies in person. Since post-fire forest management best practices are highly variable, curriculum was customized to each area based on the severity of the fire, time since fire occurred, ecosystem and region. A planning committee with local collaborators and partners was established for each workshop to discuss priority topics for local landowners. Collaborations with local Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs), Fire Safe Councils, National Resource Conservation Services (NRCS), CALFIRE, USFS and non-profit organizations were essential to understanding the needs of the region, community and local forest landowners. For example, in Santa Cruz, we had a special topic on redwoods, whereas in El Dorado, we focused on herbicide use and vegetation management three years after the Caldor Fire. Each workshop resulted in a unique syllabus.



Photo 8. Santa Cruz County Post-Fire Forest Resilience Workshop field trip exploring the CZU fire footprint, March 2024. Field trip discussions included Post-Fire Redwood management, Air Curtain burners and management of unmerchantable burned timber, competing vegetation and more.

In 2024, customized workshops were held in three counties:

- *Spring:* 2020 CZU Complex in Santa Cruz County. Unique topics included redwoods and resprouting trees, air curtain burners and a carbonator for biomass disposal.
- *Summer:* 2021 Caldor Fire in El Dorado County. Unique topics included impacts that pre-fire treatments in mixed conifers had on fire behavior.
- *Fall:* 2020 August Complex

and 2015 Valley Fire in Lake County. Unique topics included oak woodlands and managing landscapes seven years post-fire.



Photo 9. August 2024 field trip to El Dorado RCD projects before the 2021 Caldor Fire behavior. We looked at post-fire management in areas that were well managed pre-fire and areas that weren't managed at all. Photo by Susie Kocher.

WORKSHOP CONTENT

The post-fire forest workshops had a revised curriculum this year. We dropped some topics from the seven-week long version (including erosion control, hazard tree removal and salvage logging) to focus more on practices used when fires happened at least three years ago. The shortened five-week version emphasized control of vegetation competing with tree seedlings already replanted after fires. New topics included managing redwood sprouts, pruning sprouting oaks, and using herbicides, grazing and prescribed

fire. The format was the same with evening sessions on Zoom and an in-person field trip at the end to apply concepts learned and discuss practices at various site visits.

PARTICIPANT OVERVIEW

The Post-Fire Forest Resilience workshops were designed for non-industrial private forest landowners but also attracted participants with a variety of affiliations (Figure 6). Post-Fire Resilience education is a priority and as fires continue to worsen, agencies and non-profits are also seeking access to science-based information on post-fire practices.

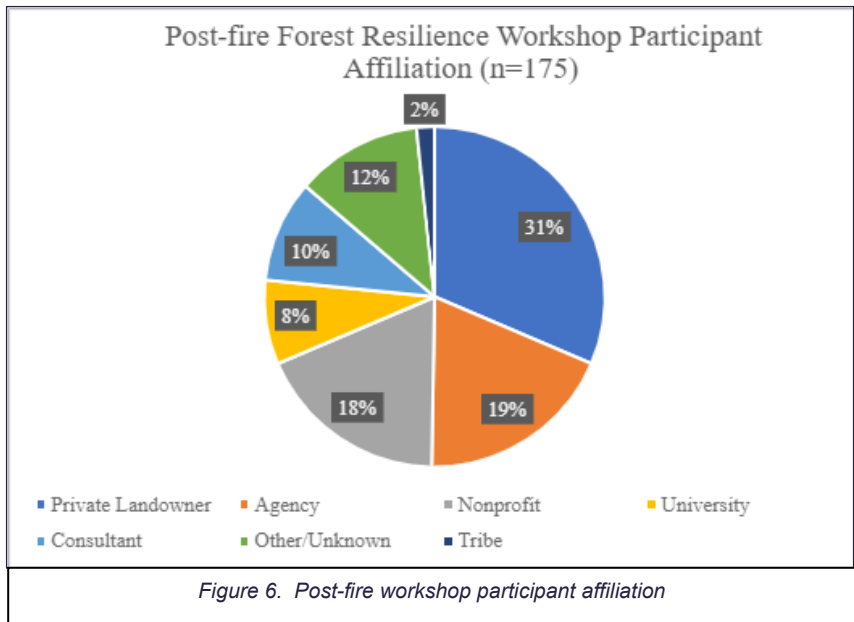


Figure 6. Post-fire workshop participant affiliation

PARTICIPANT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes showed growth in many subject areas covered by the workshop including post-fire assistance programs, hazard tree removal, vegetation management and reforestation practices (Figure 7).

Workshop field trip evaluations indicated that 96% of participants ‘strongly agree – agree’ that they planned to implement one or more of the post-fire management practices they learned about in the workshop. Some of these topics include replanting, use of herbicide for invasive weeds, prescribed burning, and applying for assistance programs.

Workshop participants who completed the post-workshop assessment also indicated which management activities they were likely to engage in because of the workshop lessons (Figure 8).

Educational Resource Development

Many existing forestry materials are lengthy and full of jargon, acronyms and phrases that are unfamiliar to the average forest landowner. Therefore, our team has worked hard to communicate post-fire forestry concepts in

digestible formats, including factsheets. Factsheets on various post-fire resilience topics can be found at www.ucanr.edu/post-fireworkshops. Four were written in 2024:

- Post-fire Competing Vegetation Management - Rx Fire
- Post-Fire Soil Severity
- Post-Fire Assessing Fire Severity
- Making Forest Management Decisions After Wildfire

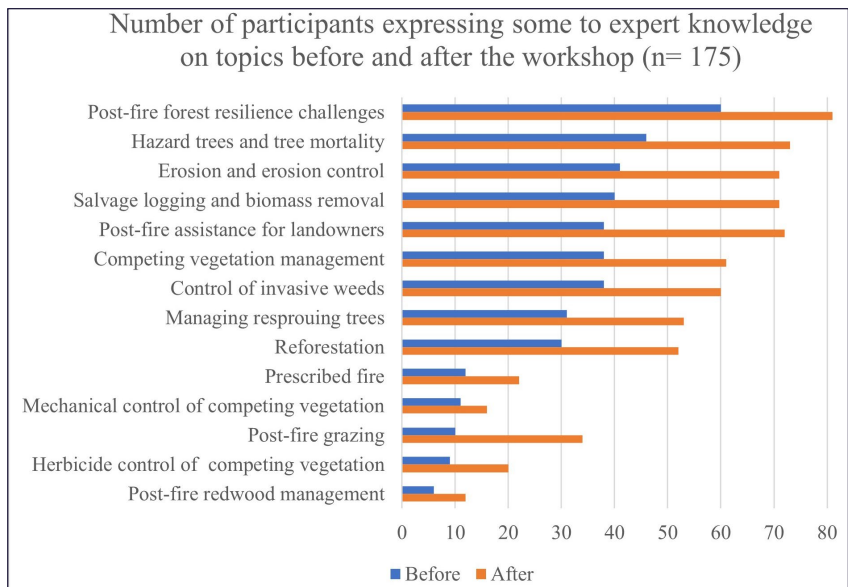


Figure 7. Post-fire workshop participant knowledge change. “n” is the number of workshop participants who have attended at least one session.

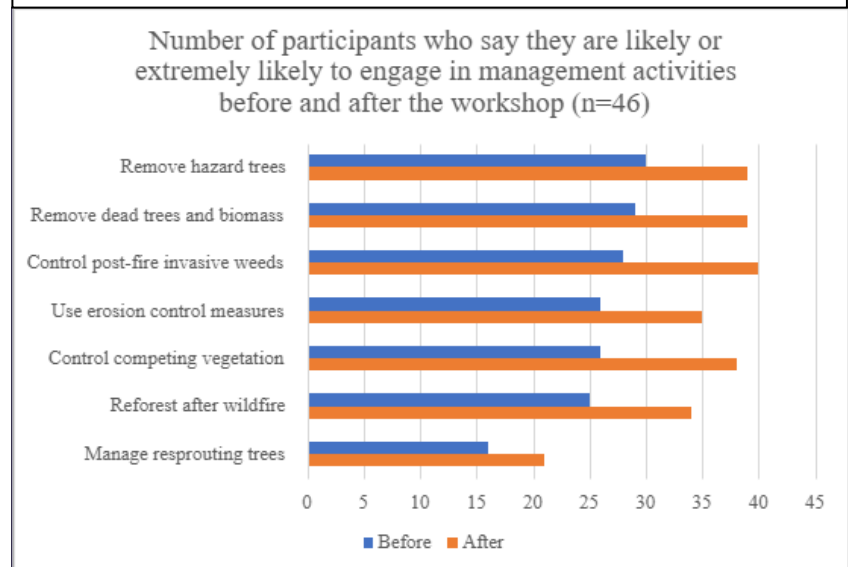


Figure 8. Management activities participants are likely to engage in because of the workshop. Note not all participants filled out the survey.

“Thank you for the excellent opportunity to learn! I really appreciated seeing post-treatment areas at different points in time, I have a better sense of what I should do on my land” – 2024 Lake County Post-Fire Workshop Participant

EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION TEAM LESSONS LEARNED REPORT

In June 2024, we published a report on lessons learned from the first two years of pilot Emergency Forest Restoration Teams (EFRTs). The report includes a case study for each of the three pilot EFRTs, findings, conclusions and recommendations. The report is posted on the UCANR Forestry Research and Outreach website at <https://ucanr.edu/efrt>, along with a three-page summary that succinctly communicates the report's findings. We have disseminated the report and shared our findings through news articles, organizational newsletters, conference presentations, and other speaking opportunities.

Emergency Forest Restoration Teams: Lessons From the First Two Years



UC Cooperative Extension and Feather River Resource Conservation District staff lead landowners on a tour of private lands treated by the Plumas EFRT after the 2021 Dixie Fire, October 2022.

A report to the
California
Wildfire and
Forest Resilience
Task Force
June 2024

Written By:

Daylin Wade, Susan Kocher and Ryan Tompkins

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Photo 10: EFRT Lessons Learned Report



Photo 11: Caldor Fire monitoring consultation, Daylin Wade with the El Dorado RCD crew. Photo by Susie Kocher.

EMERGENCY FOREST RESTORATION TEAM EFFECTIVENESS MONITORING

In 2024, we developed and implemented a comprehensive effectiveness monitoring protocol to assess reforestation done for small private forest landowners by the Dixie and Caldor EFRTs. With funding from the El Dorado and Feather River Resource Conservation Districts, our team developed a sampling design, identified sampling locations, trained RCD crews, reviewed and analyzed data and reporting data on reforestation success

For the 2024 field season, data collection focused on seedling survival, competing vegetation extent, and fuel conditions following the implementation of reforestation treatments. In-person training sessions for FRRCD and EDRCD staff occurred in late spring and were supplemented by ongoing assistance throughout the field season. From August to November, the FRRCD monitored over 110 plots, while the EDRCD monitored 89 plots. All collected data has been entered for further analysis and a data summary will be released this winter. Additionally, we have actively engaged in public

outreach efforts, including events, field trips, and reports. In August, we presented the protocol at the CARCD Reforestation Camp and included it in the CARCD Post-fire Playbook V2.

To further assess the effectiveness of EFRTs in restoring private forestland, we have begun conducting interviews with landowners served by the EFRTs. Our goal is to understand what reforestation effectiveness means to landowners, to what degree they feel the EFRT programs have effectively reforested their land, and what plans they have for future management, if any. By interviewing the owners of the properties where ecological monitoring has taken place, we hope to combine ecological measures of reforestation success with landowner perceptions of success to produce a robust assessment of reforestation efforts to date.



Photo 12: Daylin Wade interviewing a landowner who had reforestation services provided by the Caldor EFRT. Photo by Susie Kocher.



Photo 13. Tree planting demonstration at reforestation camp organized by CARCD. Photo by Susie Kocher

POST-FIRE REFORESTATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Refining of the Shiny App development by American Forests (AF) continued. The AF subcontract was extended until December 2024 to accommodate their needs. The database and assessment development are done and now may be combined with a new Underserved Landowner database developed by American Forests in 2024. Unveiling and dissemination will happen in 2025.

PROFESSIONAL & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Though the primary clientele of both programs is the private forest landowner, we have observed an increase in participants who take the workshops for training for their current job or to prepare them for additional jobs. Since late 2023, registration for both programs has included the question, "Please tell us why you became interested in taking this workshop series?" (Figure 9)



Photo 14. Professionals with planting bags at the August 2024 reforestation camp organized by CARCD. Photo by Susie Kocher.

Since we started asking this question, 10% of participants said they were taking the course because they were interested in forestry as a career and 30% for professional development. 21% of participants are professionals also working with landowners. This data shows that with the increase in forestry-related workforce development initiatives, our forest stewardship programs have become an important resource for people interested in developing and expanding their forestry knowledge and skills to join or improve their work in the forestry sector.

“The information presented in the workshop is helping me to serve my clients and community members better by being able to guide them and provide services to them based on a wider scope of knowledgeable information.” – 2024 Workshop participant.

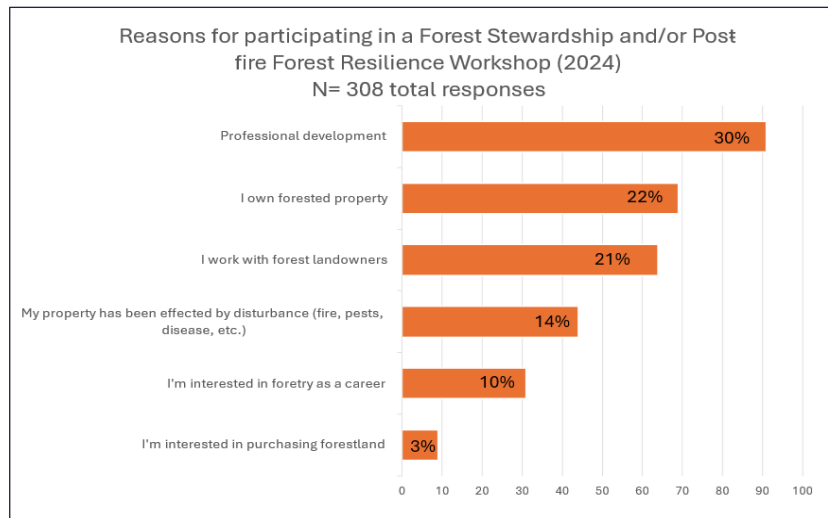


Figure 9: Forest Stewardship and Post-fire Forest Resilience workshop participation reasons (Participants can select multiple answers)

CALIFORNIA TREE SCHOOL

In 2024, we held the first California Tree School events (May 2024 – Hopland Research and Extension Center, and June 2024 – Placerville). Based on the [Oregon State Extension model](#), CA Tree School consisted two all-day educational events for forest landowners, and anyone interested in forest stewardship. Ninety-nine individuals registered for one of the 2 days to expand their knowledge on forestry and forest-related topics including forest inventory, oak woodland management, Avenza mapping, prescribed fire basics, forest pests and diseases, nature journaling, targeted grazing, tax information for forest landowners, and wood products. Each location hosted a variety of natural resource organizations who staffed tables and provided additional information. Class instructors volunteered from a variety of natural resource organizations including American Forests, the Audubon

Society, CAL FIRE, Forest Landowners of California, the NRCS, local RCDs, the Sierra Nevada Alliance, and UC ANR academics and specialists. In addition, Forest Landowners of California provided sponsorship funds to help us put on the events.

Participant evaluation surveys (given after each of the four classes at both locations, with N=225) were very positive for this first-time event. 99% 'Agreed' or 'Strongly agreed' that the information presented was informative and comprehensive. 86% 'Agreed' or 'Strongly agreed' that they could use the information within the next six months. 99% 'Agreed' or 'Strongly agreed' that they would recommend the class to others. Based on this success, we are planning two CA Tree School sessions in 2025, April 5th in Santa Cruz and April 12th in Oakhurst.

"Was nothing about what I expected but ended up exactly what I needed!! Awesome instructors!" — CA Tree School participant



Photo 15: CALFIRE TV- [CALFIRE Grants at Work: University of California Cooperative Extension Tree School](#)

Photo 16: CA Tree School participants. Photo by Grace Dean

COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

In 2024, the participant base for Forest Stewardship programming experienced a notable diversification. With more early career professionals and other non-landowners attending Forest Stewardship and Post-Fire events, communications efforts have expanded to engage these new audiences.

Forest Stewardship social media content interactions (likes, shares and comments) are up 207% from 2023.

New strategies included increasing social media output, collaborating with media teams from outside organizations, starting a non-workshop participant email list, and growing an inter-UC ANR communications presence. Two notable results have been significant increases in social media traffic

and content circulation. The existing UCCE Forest Research and Outreach Blog and Facebook page and the Forest Stewardship Story Map remain primary channels for communication.

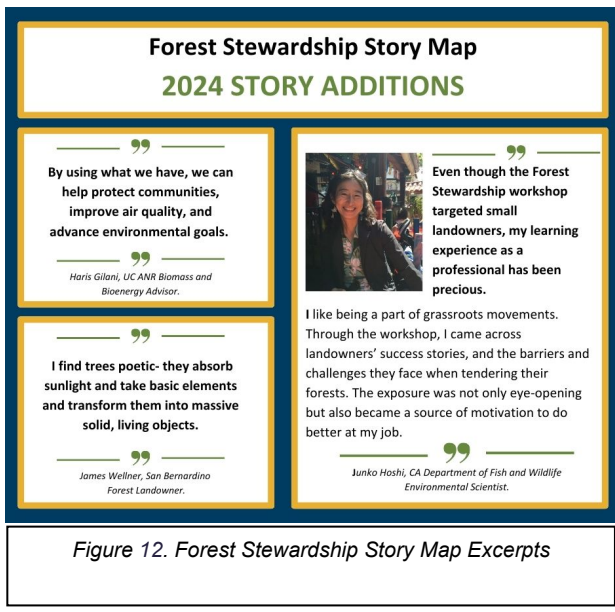
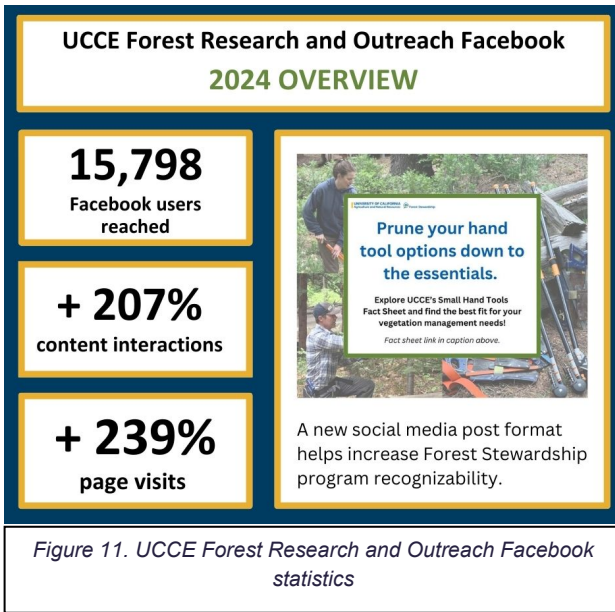


UCCE Forest Research and Outreach Blog: The UCCE Forest Research and Outreach Blog site houses stories from a variety of authors across the UC ANR Forestry network. During 2024, over 3,300 users visited the site. Site views (which may include repeat visitors) totaled 5,100. Some of these were picked up by outside media. The Forest Stewardship team published ten original blogs in 2024, each listed and hyperlinked below.

Figure 10: External media coverage location

1. [Forest Stewardship and Industry: Mendocino and Humboldt Redwood Co.'s John Andersen](#), G. Dean.
2. [Empowerment and Incentivization for Forest Management](#), K. Ingram. (UC Delivers Story)
3. [Trunk to Table: Forest Stewardship visits the modernized UC Wood Products Lab at the Richmond Field Station](#), N. Dutch.
4. [Connecting California's Landowners with CA Tree School](#), G. Dean.
5. [Supporting Community Wildfire Preparedness: A Conversation with Tahoe RCD's Jason Brand](#), G. Dean.
6. [Forest Stewardship Branches out with CA Tree School](#)- Hopland, G. Dean.
7. [2024 CA Tree School: New event brought forest stewardship education and connection to Mendocino and El Dorado counties](#), G. Dean.
8. [More than Fighting Fires: A Conversation with CALFIRE San Luis Obispo Unit Forester Dave Erickson](#), G. Dean.
9. [New California Agriculture article highlights effects of prescribed fire on young Sierra Nevada Mixed Conifers](#), G. Dean.
10. [UC ANR Forestry Team welcomes Ali Azadfar, new Biomass and Forest Products Advisor](#), G. Dean.

UCCE Forest Research and Outreach Facebook Page: Throughout 2024, efforts to post regular content and establish cohesive branding yielded impressive results. The UCCE Forest Research and Outreach Facebook page is updated daily with posts on upcoming events, new blogs, and useful resources from the UCCE Forest Research and Outreach website. 2024 saw a marked increase in Facebook page visits, reach, and post engagements and with other media outlets and organizations carrying on our content. Facebook posts and interactions more than doubled.



Forest Stewardship Story map: [The Forest Stewardship Story Map](#), published in 2023, was updated in 2024 with 8 new stories from a mix of forest landowners and forestry professionals. The Story Map saw 3,007 visitors in 2024 and will continue to serve as an outlet for personal narratives from forest landowners and forestry professionals.

Forest Stewardship Newsletters: In 2024, we produced four newsletters for 635 participants that had ‘graduated’ from our stewardship or post-fire workshops. Newsletters on [oak woodland](#), [riparian](#), [redwoods](#), and [bear](#) management provided foundational knowledge for 2024 webinars and field days. An additional “Forest Stewardship Community” email list was created to distribute forest stewardship information to an additional 241 people who have filled out an interest form for our program but not yet attended a forest stewardship workshop. Marketing emails for our events go to all these recipients in addition to another 1742 on our general interest list totaling 2,618 people.

COLLABORATION

All stewardship events 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, CALFIRE and the US Forest Service. Partners have participated on planning committees, provided location and logistical



support, given presentations, participated in group breakout sessions, assisted workshop participants in plan development, and planned and led field days. This collaboration allows participants to share knowledge and develop relationships with local agencies and professionals. Our UC ANR forestry team relies on collaboration from our partners to provide high quality educational experiences.

Many thanks to our partners and 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. In 2024, that included:

- Larry Camp – Forest Landowners of California
- Stew McMorrow – CAL FIRE
- Tracy Katelman – ForEverGreen Forestry
- Sierra Riker – California Association of RCDs
- Martin Twer – The Watershed Research and Training Center
- Dana Walsh - USFS



For more information on the Forest Stewardship Programs, please visit: <http://ucanr.edu/forestryworkshops> and www.ucanr.edu/post-fireworkshops

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IN REMEMBRANCE



Photo 18. Ryan Tompkins leading a field trip to the Dixie Fire, September 2022. Photo by Susie Kocher.

We greatly miss one of our project co-leads, Ryan Tompkins, the UC ANR Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor for Plumas, Lassen and Sierra Counties, who passed away in 2024. He made invaluable contributions to California's forests and their inhabitants through his dedication to educating landowners, professionals and policy makers about reforestation and resilient forest management. His talent for sharing information with wisdom, humility, and humor are greatly missed by us, his many professional colleagues in the University of California, the US Forest Service, and Plumas County, and the many forest landowners he advised.