



Director's Report to the Board of Forestry

715 P Street, Sacramento, CA

March 4-5, 2025

Natural Resource Management

Forest Practice Program

- Watershed Protection Program
 - In January 2025, Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) activations were conducted on the Palisade, Eaton, Kenneth, Hughes, Border 2, Hughes, and Hurst fires.
 - The new Forest Practice Implementation and Effectiveness Monitoring (FORPRIEM) 2.0 protocol was beta tested in the field on February 26, 2025, in Shasta County.
 - In collaboration with Northern Arizona University and the United States Forest Service (USFS) Pacific Southwest Research Station, staff are currently working on a manuscript detailing annual water yield response to forest harvest in the South Fork of Caspar Creek, Jackson Demonstration State Forest.
- Forest Practice Enforcement and Timber Operator Licensing (LTO)
 - The following tables summarize Timber Operator Licensing and Enforcement Activities since the last report.

Table 1: Forest Practice Civil Penalty Collection

Case Status	# of Cases	Amount Collected	Total Amount Due
Adjudicated	29	165,006	477,760
Default	73	392,749	1,184,080
Paid per CPO	24	242,000	242,000
Settled	119	912,030	970,005
Totals	245	1,699,104	2,793,545

Table 2: LTO License Status

Table 3: Civil Penalties Case Status

Status	# of Cases	Status	# of Cases
New Applications Rec'd	52	Under Review	4
Renewal Applications Rec'd	63	Developed for Signature	8
New Licenses Issued	52	CPO Signed, Mailed, Served	7

Licenses Renewed	66	Hearing(s) to be Scheduled	4
Incomplete Applications Rec'd	22	Settlement Mitigation	1
Applications Returned	20	Payments	19
Refunds Issued	1	Probation	3
Insurance Certificates Rec'd	108	Judgment needed/In Judgment	42
		Default/Final Order	14
Total Active Licenses	1431	Total	102

Resource Protection and Improvement Programs

Urban and Community Forestry

- California Arbor Week will begin with a ceremonial tree planting and press conference at 11:00 AM on March 10, 2025, at Rick Gonzales Sr. Park in Woodland.
- A new report funded by CAL FIRE on Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) economic contributions to California is now available on [California ReLeaf's website](#). U&CF Total Contributions: Including direct, indirect, and induced effects, the U&CF sector's total contribution to the state economy amounted to \$12.9 billion in industry output, employing over 78,560 people with a payroll of roughly \$5.1 billion.
- Expertise was requested and is being offered to state and federal agencies and associated contractors that are assessing trees for removal following the fires in the Los Angeles region. Staff have offered to participate in sample field verification of contractor tree assessments and to help with coordination between federal, state, and local agencies. The goal is to ensure hazardous trees are expeditiously removed to support debris removal and recovery efforts while not unnecessarily removing trees that are highly valued by property owners and are likely to recover.
- Staff is providing input on implementation of the State Hazard Mitigation Plan, [2023 California State Hazard Mitigation Plan](#), being coordinated by the California Office of Emergency Services, with focus on climatic impacts (drought, heat, and storms) and equity.

Resource Improvement Programs

- Forest Entomology and Pathology Program

- Work is moving forward on control and eradication efforts for the new strains of Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*) in Del Norte County.
- Initial funding has been found to start work on survey, monitoring, host range determination, and control options for the greater shot hole borer (GSHB), the newest species of invasive shot hole borer to be introduced in California.
- Despite substantial trapping efforts for emerald ash borer (EAB) in 2024, not a single beetle was found in any of the traps.
- Forest Biometrics Program
 - One of three existing California Forest Inventory & Analysis Temporal Intensification data collection contracts have been fully executed to extend field sampling through 2027. The remaining two contracts are nearing completion. They will be extended through 2027.
 - Staff provided support the Forest Practice Program in collecting and processing timber inventory data required for the Butte Fire Center remodel permit process.
 - Staff are developing presentations covering compliance with Forest Practice Maximum Sustained Production (MSP) rules that will be presented at the upcoming California Licensed Foresters Association annual conference.
 - Demonstration State Forests (DSF) Emigrant Gap
 - Unit staff has mapped all roads, classified and mapped all watercourses, and conducted a property-wide culvert assessment. This information, along with the forest inventory data collected in 2024, will support drafting a Forest Management Plan.
 - Jackson (JDSF)
 - The first Jackson Advisory Group meeting of 2025 is scheduled for March 18, 2025, in Fort Bragg.
 - Staff alongside the consulting team led by Clifton Environmental are processing public comments from the Forest Management Plan public outreach meetings and starting to prepare the Draft Forest Management Plan for further public review.
 - Two carbon flux towers have been delivered to Jackson for installation this Spring.
 - State Forest Biologist, Robert Douglas, led a public Fungi Foray on January 13, 2025. He also led members of the Fungus Federation of Santa Cruz on a well-attended foray near a Fire

- Fuels Mitigation burn area to see how fungi species diversity compared to nearby non-burned areas.
- The Mendocino Land Trust (MLT) was awarded funding from the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program to replace a large, embedded culvert designed to improve fish passage for Chamberlain Creek on JDSF Road 250. Work is anticipated to begin this summer. Total funding equals \$1,378,920.
 - The Annual Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) banding report was finished and submitted to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on January 30, 2025, in compliance with JDSF's Federal Recovery Permit and California Endangered Species Act Memorandum of Understanding, respectively. JDSF had only two occupied NSO sites (both pairs) in 2025: One pair was previously banded in 2023 and the other was very elusive during the year. Northern Spotted Owl trends on JDSF have fluctuated between one and two pairs over the past decade. Within the region, NSO numbers are about 40% of its peak 12 years ago.
 - Barred Owl surveys by the University of Wisconsin began in January. A total of 151 barred owls have been lethally removed on the Greater JDSF area since the project started in November 2021. One Barred Owl was lethally removed in January 2025 while a majority of the site visits resulted in no detections.
- Mountain Home (MHDSF)
 - The Giant Sequoia Lands Coalition annual meeting will be co-hosted by the Tule River Indian Tribe on March 5 and 6, 2025 at the Eagle Mountain Casino in Porterville.
 - Forest Manager Jim Kral has been attending discussions on a Good Neighbor Authority agreement between CAL FIRE and the Sierra and Sequoia National Forests to create opportunities to conduct fuel reduction work on the federal lands surrounding Mountain Home.
 - The final planting effort for the Castle Fire recovery, consisting of about 40,000 seedlings grown at the L.A. Moran Reforestation Center, will occur as soon as access and soil conditions allow this spring.
 - Soquel (SDSF)
 - The finalized amended agreement between Caltrans, the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County and CAL

FIRE/SDSF was completed January 10, 2025, for mitigation work for the Caltrans repairs to the Soquel Bridge off Highway 1 (called the Soquel Creek Bridge Scour Project). Soquel will be the site of a compensatory off-site habitat enhancement plan to mitigate for aquatic habitat impacts associated with the project.

- Pile burning on 101-acres was completed by the company **AB** Forestry. This marks the conclusion of the 2021 Forest Health Grant work on Soquel.
- A summary report for 2024 was received for the herpetology research project led by retired CAL FIRE Captain Lawrence Erickson. Nine survey days were held in 2024 that focused on the four specific long-term projects: Upland area species monitoring, Foothill Yellow-legged Frog (FHYLEF) (*Rana boylei*) egg mass counts, California Newt (*Taricha torosa*) egg mass counts, and Pacific Newt (*Taricha* sp.) counts. There were no observations of California Red-legged frogs (*Rana draytonii*) or Santa Cruz Black Salamanders (*Aneides niger*) in 2024 in SDSF.
- Mushroom education workshops were held by two organizations under Special Use Permits: Forage SF, and Flora and Fungi. \$660 was collected in permit fees for the Forest Resources Improvement Fund.

Prescribed Fire and Environmental Protection Programs

- Prescribed Fire Program
 - The Prescribed Fire Claims fund has 101 reservations with 12,551 acres of planned burning.
 - A California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) workshop is planned around the topic of beneficial fire for April 4, 2025.
- Vegetation Management Program (VMP)
 - Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) agreements are continuing to be supported by the United States Forest Service Region 5 and CAL FIRE. These will provide additional opportunities to work on cross boundary projects for fuel reduction and prescribed fire.
- Cultural Resources Program
 - A CNRA cultural fire workshop and round table discussion is planned for April 3, 2025, to discuss how to advance more use of cultural fire.

- A Cultural Burn Awareness event is planned for June 25-26, 2025, at the Blue Lake Rancheria. For more details, contact Staff Chief Len Nielson.

Wildfire Resilience Programs

- Reforestation Services
 - Staff is completing the first round of sowing for 2025 amounting to approximately 140k seedlings for net production.
 - Excess seedlings (or overrun) from production year 2024 are available in select quantities, species, seed zones and elevation bands via our interest form, filling orders on a first-come first-served basis.
 - Given the heavy cone crop, staff continues to process seeds collected in 2024 with intentions of completing all work by early spring.
- California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)
 - In January, CFIP awarded 14 new grants with a total cost share of \$2.2M. We are currently planning to continue with our remaining three quarterly solicitations for calendar year 2025.
 - CFIP intends to submit an annual rate review and proposed FY 2025 Cap Rate Adjustment to the board by mid-March.
 - The Federally Funded Inflation Reduction Act grant to CAL FIRE for \$5M to fund CFIP is on hold with no information available about reinstatement of the grant.
- Forest Stewardship
 - University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources continues their forest Landowner Stewardship Workshop series. Twelve educational events were held in 2024. This included four nine-week stewardship workshop series completed by 64 participants. These workshops are funded under a Wildfire Resilience Block Grant and were held in Fresno and Madera Counties, the Lake Tahoe Basin, and Humboldt and San Luis Obispo Counties.
 - With the Federal funding freeze in place, CAL FIRE is funding an additional series of reforestation workshops with the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension to replace a recent Federally funded series until further notice.
- Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - CAL FIRE's Forest Legacy Program (FLP) completed the Wander N Ranch conservation easement project in February 2025. The project permanently conserved 1,210 acres of important forestland in Madera and Mariposa counties.

- FLP has seven open State funded Forest Legacy grants for conservation easements and fee title acquisitions, which when completed will conserve nearly 10,000 acres of forestland throughout the State. The projects are in Humboldt, Santa Cruz, Plumas, Placer, and Mendocino counties.
- FLP has five open conservation easement projects funded through the Federal Forest Legacy Program which account for over \$20 million in Federal funding and total just under 50,000 acres of forestland. The projects are in Trinity, Siskiyou, Mendocino, and San Bernardino counties.

Climate and Energy Programs

- Wood Products & Bioenergy
 - Opened a new solicitation for Business and Workforce Development Grants on February 26, 2025. Applications will be accepted until April 25, 2025. Up to \$5 million in funds is available to award.
 - The Wood Products Team attended the California Forestry Association's Forest Strategies and Innovations Conference in Sacramento on February 11-12, 2025, hosting a CAL FIRE table to discuss CAL FIRE grant programs.
- Forest Health
 - Forest Health Program closed their FY 2024-25 Forest Health grant solicitation on January 15, 2025, with up to \$70 million available for grant projects. A total of 62 applications were received for a total ask of \$338M. Awards are scheduled to be announced in Spring 2025. For more information, please visit the Forest Health grant website at www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/forest-health
- Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force
 - Registration is open and agenda is posted for the March 26-28, 2025, Task Force Regional Meeting in San Rafael, CA. New for this year is a reception and keynote address on the evening of March 26, 2025. Dr. Daniel Swain, a renowned climate scientist from UCLA, will present his research on climate and wildfire with a special emphasis on what we can learn from the recent Los Angeles fires. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/meetings/>
 - The February 2025 Governor's Update includes communication pieces that were pulled together in response to the LA fires including a new webpage that showcases progress made by California to protect the state's diverse natural landscapes and communities from wildfire. <https://wildfiretaskforce.org/governors-monthly-update/>

- Future Task Force 2025 Meeting Dates:
- June 6, 2025: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- September 4-5, 2025: Regional Meeting – TBD
- December 12, 2025: Sacramento, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fire and Resource Assessment Program (FRAP)

- Research & Monitoring
 - Two of three Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) data collection contracts have been extended through 2027. The third is in DGS review for extension.
 - Under the Biden administration, a federal ban on seasonal hiring for 2025 impacted potential FIA data collection this year. Attempts to use unspent CAL FIRE funds within the existing collection agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station (USFS-PNW) to support 1039 temporary seasonal FIA crews in 2025 have been unsuccessful due to federal hiring issues.
 - A sub-panel system for FIA data collection will be implemented in 2025 to better match staffing capacity within federal and CAL FIRE contract data collection crews. This will maintain the statistical integrity of the FIA dataset as data collection is still catching up from 2020 and 2021 covid-19 and wildfire delays and impacts from federally understaffed field crews.
 - CAL FIRE contract data collection crews will be leveraged to assist in this catch up and to potentially cover the new shortfall from understaffed PNW crews in 2025. Attempts for USFS-PNW to reimburse CAL FIRE data collection crews for any plots they complete that were initially assigned to federal crews are on hold due to current federal freezes on new contract actions and spending.
 - The American Forests/CAL FIRE report on the "Effects of forest management and wood utilization on carbon sequestration in California" is complete and the respective communications departments are meeting this week to strategize the rollout of the report.
 - 101 proposals were received in the 24/25 Forest Health Research Grants solicitation. 33 applicants have been invited back to submit full proposals by March 14, 2025.
 - FRAP has received the California Prescribed Fire Monitoring Program database from UC-Davis, which includes all data

collected between 2019-2024. FRAP staff are reviewing the database and working through data clean up.

- Assessment & Planning
 - The FRAP Assessment continues to move towards a final product. Currently 5 chapters have received review by both external partners and CNRA, 2 chapters are undergoing external review, and 6 chapters are undergoing internal review or nearing the final stages of draft development.
 - Project planning for meeting the new requirement under SB1101 to provide fire severity maps across the state is underway. We are assembling a technical advisory committee consisting of external and interagency partners to provide feedback on mapping methods and data products.
- Wildfire Hazard and Risk
 - Phase 2 of the Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps (covering NW California) were released on February 23, 2025. Phase 3 (Central Coast and Sierra Nevada regions) will be released March 10, and the final Phase (Southern California and desert) will go out March 24, 2025.
 - A Landscape-Scale Prescribed Fire Research Workshop is scheduled adjacent to the upcoming California Section of the Society of American Foresters meeting in March 2025. This will be a 4-hour workshop sponsored by CAL FIRE FRAP and Berkeley Forests, with a focus on research needs for landscape project selection, overcoming obstacles to large projects, developing robust means of evaluating project success, integrating science and practice into policy, and the role of Culturing Burning in advancing fire benefits across Californias Forests. The workshop will be held the morning of March 24, 2025, in Sacramento.
 - Early planning has begun for development of Potential Operational Delineations (PODS) maps for large-scale prescribed fire planning, as required under SB 1101. Initial development will likely focus on two pilot CAL FIRE Units, and be done in coordination with Unit staff, federal partners, and others.
- GIS – Data Analytics
 - FRAP staff have developed California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) proposed and approved project submission applications and accompanying data entry guides, to allow proponents to submit geospatial treatments, boundaries and project information into a cloud-based, standardized repository.

FRAP staff will be presenting these tools at the March Board meeting.

Fire Protection

Law Enforcement/Civil Cost Recovery

- In January 2025, Law Enforcement officers made 10 arson arrests.
- In FY 2024-25, approximately \$2.5 million in fire suppression costs has been collected by the Civil Cost Recovery program.

Fire Protection Operations

- CAL FIRE was the host agency for the Complex Incident Management Course (CIMC) held in Anaheim on February 8-14. CAL FIRE sent 15 students and had seven cadre members attend the course. CIMC is a National Association of State Foresters class held twice per year in various locations nationwide.
- For 2024, of the 7550 fires in the State Responsibility Area, 1668 AI detections were processed from Alert California cameras (not including Contract Counties) 370 of these AI detections were received before the fire was reported by the public.
- Five of CAL FIRE's six Incident Management Teams have been deployed so far in 2025.

Aviation Management Unit (AMU)/Tactical Air Operations (TAO)

- CAL FIRE Aircraft flew over 800 flight hours in January supporting California Southern Region (CSR) fires.

Cooperative Fire Protection

Local Government Program

- The Local Government Program has received 50 of the 54 FY 2024-25 Cooperative Fire Protection agreements that are in the process of renewal or completion. The agreements have been or will be reviewed by Region and Sacramento and forwarded to the Department of General Services (DGS) for approval.

State/Federal/International Programs

- CAL FIRE has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a German organization that represents fire service agencies in Germany called @FIRE. @FIRE provides guidelines for all fire service agencies in

Germany. @FIRE sponsors its members throughout the world to gain knowledge to bring back to Germany. @FIRE Germany will be sending two aerial specialists from their program to attend CAL FIRE's Helicopter Manager class on March 24-28, 2025, and the Aerial Supervision class on April 21-May 2, 2025. Each class will have one participant from @FIRE shadowing the training. Time and travel have been covered by @FIRE.

Hand Crew Program

- Hand Crew Strength: CAL FIRE continues to experience a fluctuating number of available CAL FIRE Type I Hand Crews statewide. As of February 26, 2025, CAL FIRE can staff 108 of 236 Hand Crews available for statewide response. The number of Hand Crews available significantly impacts wildland fire suppression, conservation work, prescribed fire activities, and fuels reduction work. The current staffing includes the following four models under the Hand Crew program:
 - 57 of 152 authorized California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Incarcerated Persons crews
 - 21 of 32 California Conservation Corps crews
 - 14 of 14 California Military Department Joint Taskforce Rattlesnake crews
 - 15 of 38 CAL FIRE Firefighter I (FFI) crews
- Hand crew numbers may fluctuate due to staffing periods and crew typing certifications. The FFI Hand Crew model is seasonally funded for 9 months during the Peak Staffing Period. During the Base Staffing Period, all FFI Hand Crews are down staffed. As part of the FY 202425 Emergency FFI Hire Augmentation approved on January 17, 2025, CAL FIRE was authorized to augment 14 FFI hand crews which have begun their rehire training.

Safety Program

- New Inclement Weather Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) specifications have been approved with initial orders placed through the approved manufacturers. This PPE will assist crews assigned to fuel reduction projects during the winter months.
- PPE Software is in the process of implementation to track all PPE as required by Cal/OSHA regulations. This also allows our partners with the California Conservation Corps (CCC), California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and California Military Departments (CMD) and their individuals assigned to hand crews to track their PPE.

EMS Program

- The MOU between the Department and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) for use of their California Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT) on fires is undergoing a routine update.
- Medical Unit Leaders assigned to CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams on the fires in Los Angeles were able to assist research partners in gathering important information from volunteer firefighter participants regarding contamination through urinalysis, blood samples, and dermal exposure testing. The information collected is looking at exposures and cancer rates in firefighters.

Statewide Training

- Due to the January incident activity in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties, 15 training courses provided by both Regions and Statewide Training were postponed and have been rescheduled over the next few months.

Office of the State Fire Marshal – Daniel Berlant, Frank Bigelow, and Vickie Sakamoto

Wildfire Preparedness

- Defensible Space
 - Qualified Entity classes are scheduled in Mendocino and San Diego Counties. The February class in Butte County had 21 students comprised mainly of Fire Safe Councils and Firewise USA Communities.
 - Number of Defensible Space Inspections: FY 2024-25: 166,361 – YTD: 15,597
 - Public Defensible Space Inspection Dashboard is live and notes
 - Inspection totals, total by county, inspection density within 5 square mile areas.
- Burn Permits
 - Permit website was updated to warn permittee that their property is not in SRA. This saves the permittee from having to fill out the application and find out the permit is not allowed in their area.
- Damage Inspection
 - Application will have some updates for upcoming fire season, improvements are needed to assist the affected county to limit the need to amend the final DINS report.

- DINS report will have the option to create an easier condensed report for smaller fires. This will allow units and contract counties to provide a report to the affected parties when or if requested.
- Home Hardening
 - CWMP Minimum Quality Standards and Hazard Mitigation Methodology framework is being reviewed

Wildfire Planning and Statistics

- Fire Plan
 - Fuels Treatment Effectiveness Reporting (FTER) team deployed to the January Southern California Fires to collect information on six FTER's. Finalized reports are forthcoming and will be posted to CAL FIRE website.
 - Working with CAL FIRE Units and Contract Counties on the annual Unit Fire Plan updates (May 2025).
- Statistics
 - The 2024 fire occurrence data have been uploaded into InFORM for the National Association on of State Foresters.
 - Working on several projects for NERIS to prepare not only CAL FIRE but also other departments for transition to NERIS in January 2026.
 - Working with CAL FIRE Units on completion of CALFIRS Reports in preparation of the 2024 Redbook completion.
- Wildland Fuels
 - Finalizing timeline for CalMAPPER V4 testing and training for implementation in July 2025.
 - Completed the quarterly QA/QC for the Fiscal Year Fuels Reduction. For this FY 2024-25 as of February 10, 2025, 55,139.8 acres have been treated.

Utility Wildfire Mitigation

- Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) submissions will begin in the next 2 weeks for 2026-2028. Still waiting on late 2024 updates (pending final review estimated completion April)
- CALFIRE will be subject matter experts for Public Safety Power Shutoffs, Emergency Preparedness, and Community Outreach sections for 2026-2028 WMP's.

Community Wildfire Mitigation Assistance

- Land Use Planning
 - National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Firewise USA

- Announcement and more information on the 1000th community will be forthcoming.
- Fire Safe Regulations Workgroup
 - Work continues on curriculum build for an Introductory Course.
- Land Use Planning for Wildfire in California Class
 - Scheduled four class dates in February of 2025
 - February 11, 2025 – Chino
 - ~~February 13, 2025 – Newbury Park (Ventura Co.)~~ Rescheduled - TBD
 - February 25, 2025 – Santa Rosa
 - February 27, 2025 – Chico
 - Work continues on scheduling additional classes this fall and into 2026.
 - More information is available now on CWPM website and at: <https://www.communitywildfire.org/trainings/>
- CWMA Statewide Clearinghouse Data Center
 - Hosts a wide array of documents, research articles, best practices, and other critical resources.
 - Each submission has undergone thorough review to ensure its relevance and value to wildfire preparedness, mitigation, and risk reduction.
 - <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/Community-Wildfire-Preparedness-and-Mitigation/Clearinghouse-Data-Center>
- Safety Element Assessments
 - City of Hesperia has been formally submitted for Final Review to the Board and our staff and is on the March RPC Meeting agenda.
- Subdivision Review
 - Staff are engaged with several jurisdictions statewide
- Wildfire Prevention Grants
 - FY 2023-24 Wildfire Prevention Grants Award Notification on August 20, 2024
 - 94 Awards totaling just over \$90 million
 - Virtually all grant agreements have been signed.
 - Info is posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants Website, and the CA State Library Grants Portal.
 - Beta testing for the new solicitation software from EUNA has begun and will go through 2025.

Communications

Year to Date Wildfire Statistics (State and Federal)

Updated February 24, 2025

Interval	Fires	Acres
2025 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal) *	443	57,670
2024 Combined YTD (CALFIRE & Federal)	206	81
5-Year Average (same interval)	366	2,116

- California has experienced 45 new wildfires since the last report on February 17, 2025. 43 were within CAL FIRE's jurisdiction.

Year	State/Local/Contract County Acres	Federal/Military Acres	Total Acres Burned
2025	36,092	21,578	57,670

*These numbers are subject to change until the final fire season reports are completed and tabulated.

(2025 stats include all wildfires dispatched to by CAL FIRE in SRA & LRA as reported in CAD, SRA wildfires within Contract Counties and federal data based off NIFC Incident Management Situation Report and Department of Defense).

CAL FIRE All Incident Activity

*2025 All Incidents (YTD) – **92,463**

Education and Safety Messaging

- CAL FIRE's messaging continues to focus on the importance of fuels reduction work and encouraging Californians to take proactive steps to create defensible space and harden their properties. This will continue to build towards Wildfire Prevention Week in the first week of May 2025.
- CAL FIRE will attend several local events in March including the 911 for Children Ceremony at the California Capitol Building on March 20, 2025, and the Capitol Airshow at Mather Airfield on March 22-23, 2025.
- CAL FIRE's 2025 "Forest and Fuels" Campaign launched recently and targets statewide and Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) audiences. Focusing on both English and Spanish speakers, the messaging "Why fight

fire with fire?" aims to educate how prescribed fires and forest maintenance mitigate wildfire risks and promotes healthier forests.

Program and Project Messaging

- The Communications Program continues to highlight CAL FIRE grants programs. In March, several grant-funded projects will be highlighted on CAL FIRE social media and newsletters including a Green Schoolyards project in Los Angeles County and a Business and Workforce development project in Siskiyou County.

Traditional and non-Traditional Media

- The Communications Program continues to coordinate with the Office of the State Fire Marshal in fielding inquiries related to the new rollout of Local Responsibility Area Fire Hazard Severity Zones maps.

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)/ Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program (DEI)

- Lactation Pods
 - Our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) program is currently researching the need for lactation pods at base camps to provide a private, hygienic, and comfortable space for employees who are nursing during fire incident assignments. This research is still in its early stages.
- Disability Advisory Committee (DAC)
 - Our DEIB program has partnered with various departments, boards and commissions, conservancies, and other organizations under the California Natural Resources Agency umbrella's DAC committees. This collaboration has led to the formation of a unified committee, which facilitates the sharing of ideas, resources, and feedback on concerns raised. Additionally, this approach enables alignment across committees and the potential for collaboration on joint events.

Tribal Affairs Program

Tribal Wildfire Resilience

- Grant applications are now open. Applications are due by March 28, 2025. There will be up to \$5 million total available for tribes and tribal non-profits to plan or implement wildfire resilience projects. Additional information can be found on the Tribal Wildfire Resilience Grants website. <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/grants/tribal-wildfire-resilience>

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025
TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION THROUGH February 26, 2025**

Note: This information is for Timber Harvesting Plans and Nonindustrial Timber Management Plans submitted to the Department during a calendar year. The numbers are the cumulative totals for the calendar year as of the specific date

Year Comparison	Coast (Santa Rosa)		Cascade (Redding)		Riverside (South)		Sierra (Fresno)		Totals	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
THPs Received	26	22	8	7	0	1	0	3	34	33
THPs Returned	7	6	2	1	0	1	0	1	9	9
THPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	24	19	4	4	0	1	2	2	30	26
THPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THPs Approved	20	15	9	2	0	0	5	4	34	21
THP Approved Acres	4,624	4,364	8,735	1,500	0	0	2,493	3,134	15,852	8,998

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	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
NTMPs Received	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
NTMPs Returned	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
NTMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
NTMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTMPs Approved	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
NTMP Approved Acres	755	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	755	0
NTMPs with NON-Concurrences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTOs Received	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2

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	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
WFMPs Received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Returned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Pre-Harvest Inspections	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs with NON-Concurrence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WFMPs Approved Acres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TIMBER HARVESTING INFORMATION THROUGH February 26, 2025**

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Acres represent those reported on the Notice as accepted by the Department and may not reflect actual operations on the ground.

Data Source: CalTREES

California Forest Practice Rules - Exemptions and Emergency Notices
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Rule	Type of Exemption	Admin Area	2024		2025	
			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038(b) (03/2019)	10 Percent Dead, Dying Diseased, Fuelwood, or Woody Debris v2019	Cascade (Redding)	25	388,260	23	212,465
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	8	6,075	6	3,976
		Riverside (South)	1	250	1	240
		Sierra (Fresno)			4	5,036
		Totals	34	394,585	34	221,717
1038(a)&(b)	10% Dead, Dying or Diseased Fuelwood or Split Products	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.6 (03/2019)	Butte Post Fire Recovery	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(a) (03/2019)	Christmas Trees	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(k)	Drought Mortality	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Drought Mortality and Unmerchantable Sawlog v2019	Cascade (Redding)	3	1,289	9	708
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	31	1	20
		Totals	4	1,320	10	728
1038(j)	Forest Fire Prevention PILOT Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(i)	Forest Fire Prevention Project	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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			Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres
1038.3 (03/2019)	Forest Fire Prevention v2019	Cascade (Redding)	3	173	1	116
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	3	157		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	6	330	1	116
	Forest Resilience Exemption	Cascade (Redding)			3	95
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			1	39
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	4	134
1104.1(a)	Less than 3 Acre Conversion	Cascade (Redding)	7	10	9	16
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	4	10	4	12
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)			2	6
		Totals	11	20	15	34
1038(l)	Oak Woodland Management (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(e) (03/2019)	Oak Woodland Management v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	126		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	1	126	0	0
1038(m)	Post Fire Recovery (effective 01/01/2018)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038.5 (03/2019)	Post Fire Recovery v2019	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	Post Fire Recovery v2020	Cascade (Redding)			2	12
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	2	12

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1104.1(b)&(c)	Public / Private Utility Right-of-Way	Cascade (Redding)	2	101	5	54,623
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	3	48	1	1
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	2	95	9	6,722
		Totals	7	244	15	61,346
1038(f) (03/2019)	Small Timberland Owner	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet)	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	11	60	16	26
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	11	16	9	9
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	4	3	12
		Totals	23	80	28	47
1038(c)(6)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) Includes exemptions previously submitted with both 0-150ft and 150-300ft options	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
1038(c)(6) (03/2019)	Structure Protection (150 to 300 feet) v2019	Cascade (Redding)	4	28	1	1
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	2		
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)	1	5	1	2
		Totals	6	35	2	3
1038(d)	Substantially Damaged Unmerchantable Sawlog	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0

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1038(g)	Woody Debris and Slash Removal	Cascade (Redding)				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)				
		Riverside (South)				
		Sierra (Fresno)				
		Totals	0	0	0	0
	All Exemptions	Grand Total	92	396,740	111	284,137

Type of 1052 Emergency Notice		2024		2025						
		Admin Area	Number of Plans	Acres	Number of Plans	Acres				
Notice of Emergency Timber Operations		Cascade (Redding)	3	5	17	4,377				
		Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	5	2	294				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)			1	38				
		Totals	4	10	20	4,709				
<u>Emergency Conditions</u> More than one condition can be selected per Notice of Emergency Timber Operations - acreage may be reflected multiple times *Others may include multiple emergency conditions		Drought		Cascade (Redding)		2	813			
				Coast (Santa Rosa)						
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)						
				Totals	0	0	2	813		
				Fire		Cascade (Redding)	3	5	15	3,564
						Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	5	1	292
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)			1	38
						Totals	4	10	17	3,894
				Insects		Cascade (Redding)			7	2,222
						Coast (Santa Rosa)				
						Riverside (South)				
						Sierra (Fresno)				
						Totals	0	0	7	2,222
				*Others		Cascade (Redding)	3	5	31	9,631
				Coast (Santa Rosa)	1	5	1	292		
				Riverside (South)						
				Sierra (Fresno)			1	38		
				Totals	4	10	33	9,961		
Fuel Hazard Reduction (RM65)		Cascade (Redding)								
		Coast (Santa Rosa)			1	9				
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)								
		Totals	0	0	1	9				
Fuel Hazard Reduction		Cascade (Redding)								
		Coast (Santa Rosa)								
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)								
		Totals	0	0	0	0				
Sudden Oak Death Disease		Cascade (Redding)								
		Coast (Santa Rosa)								
		Riverside (South)								
		Sierra (Fresno)								
		Totals	0	0	0	0				