



California



State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

	FY 2004 Final	FY 2004 Final	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2005 Estimate
Programs	Federal	State	Federal	State
Coop. Forest Health Management	\$168,000	\$168,000	\$155,000	\$155,000
State Fire Assistance	\$5,027,000	-	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$1,937,000	-	\$950,000	\$950,000
Forest Stewardship Program	\$510,000	\$510,000	\$340,000	\$340,000
Stewardship Incentives	-	-	-	-
Forest Legacy Program	\$40,000	\$13,333	\$2,293,000	\$764,333
Urban and Community Forestry	\$1,135,000	\$1,135,000	\$900,000	\$900,000
Economic Action Programs	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
PNW Assistance Program	-	-	-	-
Forest Resource Information and Analysis	-	-	-	-
Forest Land Enhancement Program	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$8,867,000	\$1,876,333	\$5,788,000	\$4,259,333

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of California, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of California's forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of California's urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- Increase cost effectiveness through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- Increase values through sustained productivity of forests, and
- Are voluntary, and use non-regulatory approaches.

KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Wildland/Urban Interface and associated fire hazard and fuel reduction issues;
- Forest Health Concerns related to increased age and density, and decreased diversity;
- Rapid urbanization and subdivision development in wildland areas;
- Water quality, riparian areas rehabilitation, and salmon and steelhead trout habitat restoration; and
- Forest health concerns related to invasive and noxious weed impacts on the environment.

Forest Facts and 2004 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	33.5 million	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	78
Acres of Forest Land	31.3 million	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	32951
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	10.8 million	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	286,609
Number of NIPF Landowners	346,000	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	19,950
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	166
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection		State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	726
Number of Rural Fire Departments		Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	26,000,000
Number of Cities and Towns		Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	25,000,000
Forest Based Employment	110,000	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	0
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	4.1 percent	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	745
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	635 million	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	10,000
		EAP-Communités working under broad-based local strategic plans	
		PNW-Communities working under broad-based local strategic	

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry: The California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection's (CDF) is continuing to contract with California ReLeaf to provide community outreach, tree planting and inner city grants. CDF contracts with Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo to continue to provide a U&CF state website and list server to inform users of many aspects of trees including color, structure, infrastructure compatibility, moisture requirements, wood production and uses and many other useful facts. This site also provides news on a big tree registry, grant availability, news, news groups, other web sites and publications dealing with urban forestry. This site can be reached at: www.ufe.calpoly.edu. The California Urban Forest Council (CUFC) continues to be funded to enhance the statewide U&CF program advisory committee in the sustaining of grass roots regional urban forest councils. Along with these programs, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo is re-designing academies to help provide new technology and training to CDF and USFS field staff along with urban professionals.

Cooperative Fire Protection: The State Fire Assistance program resulted in 1,855 firefighters trained; 8 prevention and education programs served 51 communities, 63 hazardous fuel reduction projects serving 166 communities treated 12,741 acres of hazardous fuels. The Volunteer Fire Assistance program trained 337 firefighters; 612 communities were assisted, 166 rural departments were served with much-needed equipment and supplies. Over \$3,000,000 in excess fire equipment and supplies was received on loan under the Federal Excess Property Program.

Forest Stewardship: The Forest Stewardship Program provides valuable technical assistance and funds for Stewardship Planning. The FSP funds allow many landowners to work with California's Registered Professional Foresters to develop Stewardship Planning that they might not get without the program. This past year the emphasis was on selecting areas for planning to provide for fuels reduction and watershed protection. The program has provided a broad scope of educational forums including the Forest Landowner Stewardship Curriculum, the quarterly publication The Forestland Steward Newsletter that reaches over 6000 readers and the toll-free HELPLINE. The HELPLINE provides valuable assistance over the phone to anyone who calls. There is always a Registered Professional Forester to answer any number of questions regarding forest health, harvesting, insects and diseases, fire, reforestation, etc. as well as information on where the caller can receive more information on State Forest Practice Regulation or Federal Policy. Additionally, the service mails out brochures and pamphlets as available.

Forest Legacy: This year we will be closing on two projects: The Soquel State Demonstration Forest (SDF) Expansion, a fee-title acquisition and the Camp Gualala YMCA project, a conservation easement. The former will allow the state to provide much needed access to over 2500 acres of SDF entirely open to the public. The conservation easement is a partnership with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District that will preserve 440 acres along the Gualala River, a 303(d) listed watercourse. The property contains Coast Redwoods in excess of 14 feet in diameter. Escrow is open on both projects and scheduled to close in early 2005.

Forest Health Protection: Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*) has been found in 14 counties and 31 plants are recognized as susceptible hosts as of December 2004. Aerial surveys have covered over 25,000,000 acres including, general forest mortality, oak woodlands, and pinyon woodlands. Pitch canker management continues to be an important issue in the Central Coast. A cooperative effort of CDF and USDA FS uses satellite imagery to develop change detection maps for estimates of forest mortality and pest damage. Widespread tree mortality continues in Southern California resulting in extreme fuel conditions. Cooperative work continues on disease resistance in sugar pine and Monterey pine. A number of new and revised Tree Notes were published and are available on the web (<http://ceres.ca.gov/foreststeward/html/treenotes.html>).

Economic Action Programs: This program performs economic and fuel analysis for California forest business industry opportunities. Much of the information gained from this effort has been used in the formation of an inter-organizational partnership to build and operate a 500-600 KW biomass power plant as a demonstration project. The project is located at the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection fire camp in Nevada County.

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