



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Forestry Assistance Programs

The California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP)

The California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) was created in 1978 and launched in 1980. About one-half of California's 32 million acres of forestlands is privately-owned; one-half of that, or 8 million acres, is in small private ownerships. Aimed at these nonindustrial private forestlands, CFIP's purpose is to encourage adequate future high quality timber supplies, related employment and other economic benefits, improve wildlife and fisheries habitat, improve fire safety, and to generally protect, maintain, and enhance the forest resource for the benefit of present and future generations. Cost-share assistance is provided to private and public ownerships containing 20 to 5,000 acres of forest land.



The Forest Legacy Program (FLP)

The objective of the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) is to identify and protect environmentally important forestlands that are threatened by present or future conversion to non-forest uses by either purchasing the land or purchasing the development rights through deed restrictions such as a conservation easement. Priority is given to lands that can be effectively protected and managed and that have important scenic, recreational, timber, riparian, fish and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, and other cultural and environmental values. Since the inception the FLP in 1995 CAL FIRE has acquired 101,466 conservation easement acres and has administered an additional 51,169 conservation easement acres which were acquired by a nonprofit land trust or local government entity.

The Forest Stewardship Program (FSP)

The Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 authorized the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) to provide technical assistance, through state forestry agency partners, to nonindustrial private forest (NIPF) owners to encourage and enable active long-term forest management.

A primary focus of the program is the development of comprehensive, multi-resource management plans that provide landowners with the information they need to manage their forests for a variety of products and services.

Wildfire Resilience Block Grants

Wildfire Resilience Block Grants were created as a pilot project in 2020 as part of CAL FIRE's Forest Reliance Program. The purpose of the block grants is to allow prospective grantees the ability to provide a program of financial and technical forestry assistance to nonindustrial forest landowners, where the grantee serves as the supervising entity, receives the grant from CAL FIRE and then provides outreach and/or technical/financial assistance to landowners so they can conduct forest restoration or management activities on their property. Applicants are limited to counties, resource conservation districts, special districts, and 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that have the capacity to deliver a forestry based technical and financial assistance program to non-industrial forest landowners. These grants are only offered when funding is available. In 2022, CAL FIRE awarded \$27.9M to 10 grantees.

