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CAL FIRE Secures Funding to Enhance Sustainable Forest Management

Federal investment amplifies efforts on private nonindustrial forest land

Sacramento – Today, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) announced receiving \$5 million to support the [California Forest Improvement Program](#) (CFIP). This funding comes as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Inflation Reduction Act funding to strengthen financial incentives for private forest landowners to manage their forests sustainably and to permanently conserve private forests in partnership with states.

CAL FIRE's CFIP will deliver technical assistance and direct cost share payments to support the implementation of forest resilience and climate mitigation practices across 2,458 acres of private nonindustrial forest land with this additional funding.

"Forests provide innumerable benefits to people and communities, and private forestlands make up more than half of all forests in the U.S.," said United States Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. "Thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act, we are helping to provide the resources private forest landowners need to keep working forests working so that future generations of Americans will be able to enjoy all the benefits they provide."



Of the total U.S. Department of Agriculture's Inflation Reduction Act funding, nearly \$210 million was awarded as competitive grants to state agencies, for-profit entities and a broad array of non-profit organizations. This funding was made possible thanks to investments from the Biden-Harris Administration's Inflation Reduction Act.

The funded proposals add financial incentives and opportunities to landowners to adopt sustainable forest management practices. Forest management, like thinning trees or removing invasive species, helps to reduce the susceptibility to forests pests and disease and lowers the risks of catastrophic wildfires.

For details on these funded proposals, visit the [Forest Service Forest Landowner Support Funded Projects webpage](#). Learn more about the California Forest Improvement Program on the program's [webpage](#).

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