

Recognizing the need for specialized crews to assist with fuel reduction work throughout the state, in June 2018, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) received funding for six Fuels Reduction Crews (FRCs) dedicated to prescribed fire and fuels management. In July 2019, four additional FRCs were funded.

The focus of CAL FIRE's Fuels Reduction Crews is hazardous fuels reduction through prescribed burns, hand and mechanical fuel reduction, fire planning, and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving forest health and public safety while reducing wildfire potential to California communities and wildlands.

In addition to the trained personnel on each FRC, there is a variety of equipment assigned to each crew including an excavator, a skid steer, multiple chippers, an assortment of attachments for the equipment, and vehicles for transporting the crew and equipment.

While the primary mission of the Fuels Reduction Crews is fuel reduction type work, they can be utilized for any type of emergency response.



FUELS REDUCTION DETAILS

 Staffing: 1 Fire Captain, 1 Fire Apparatus Engineer, 1 Forestry Assistant II, 9 Forestry Technicians

For additional information about CAL FIRE's Fuels Reduction Program

• Efforts:



Careers:





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