



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Demonstration State Forests

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) operates 14 Demonstration State Forests totaling 85,135 acres. These forests represent the most common forest types in California and serve as a living laboratory for how to care for California’s timberlands for multiple benefits—recreation, watershed protection, wood products and sustainable timber production, and habitat restoration—given a changing climate and increasingly severe and intense wildfire seasons. The forests provide unique research and demonstration opportunities where environmental scientists, foresters, and other researchers can study the effects of various forest management and restoration techniques to help inform management practices for government, nonprofit and private forestland owners.

STATE FOREST	COUNTY	ACRES
Jackson	Mendocino	48,652
LaTour	Shasta	9,033
Pit Tunnel	Shasta	6,982
Mountain Home	Tulare	5,069
Boggs Mountain	Lake	3,493
Soquel	Santa Cruz	2,700
Bear River/Lake Valley	Nevada/Placer	2,618
Cow Creek	Shasta	2,246
Battle Creek	Shasta	2,050
North Fork Mokelumne	Amador	1,052
Las Posadas	Napa	796
Mount Zion	Amador	164
Ellen Pickett	Trinity	160
Sawmill	San Bernardino	120

Common activities on state forest lands include evaluating sustainable timber harvesting techniques that test current Forest Practice Rules, watershed restoration, a variety of university research projects to help answer pressing forest management questions, and other activities such as cone collecting for seed, and recreation such as mushroom collecting, hunting, firewood gathering, horseback riding, camping, mountain biking, and hiking.



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